

Pension Application for John Brougham

W.16861 (Widow: Margaret Vedder) Married October 17, 1770. John died September 5, 1820.

The deposition of John DeGraff of the town of Mohawk in the Co. of Montgomery in the State of New York aged eighty two years and upwards who testifies and says that he was a soldier in the war of the revolution and is now a pensioner of the United States under the Act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

That he was during said war well acquainted with Margaret Brougham the widow of John Brougham aforesaid who are both referred to and described in the preceding documents in the matter of the application of the said Margaret Brougham for a pensioner under the Act of 4th July 1831.

That his acquaintance with said widow commenced in the year 1770 previous to her intermarriage with said John brougham and while she [was] born [with] the name of Margaret Vedder—

That this deponent's acquaintance with said John Brougham commenced in the year 1760 or as long as he can recollect and continued until the days of the death of said John Brougham which this deponent believes took place about seventeen years ago. That this deponent was during the year 1776 enrolled as a private in the company of militia commanded by Capt. John VanPatten of which company Simon F. VanPatten and Tunis Swart was Lieutenant and Daniel Toll Ensign in the regiment commanded by Col. Abraham Wemple in the district of Schenectada.

Said John VanPatten Captain as aforesaid resigned his office near the close of the said war and Jacob Beekman was appointed in his stead. Col. mWemple aforesaid also resigned and Abraham Pothout theretofore a captain in said Regiment was appointed in his stead. This deponent's personal knowledge fothe service of said John Brougham in said war extends to the following particulars.

This deponent served with the Northern American Army during the retreat as it was called, of General Schuyler and previous to the surrender of Burgoyne & his army in the summer & fallof the year 1777, to wit at one time for a term of twenty-five days and during said term this deponent saw the aforesaid John Brougham on duty with the militia from Schenectada & thinks he served during the whole term aforesaid of twenty-five days—and this deponent left said John Brougham on duty when he this deponent, or after this deponent had served out his said term & this deponent cannot say for how much longer time than said twenty five days said John Brougham served on the occasion referred to this deponent further testifies that at the time thereof it was notorious that said John brougham served on tours of duty at divers places (to which this deponent did not accompany him, and therefore this deponent cannot specify the particulars of these tour) this deponent living as he did in the immediate neighborhood of said John Bougham and being intimate with him as aforesaid became conversant generally with the military services of said John Brougham, but cannot give any specifications as to terms or periods of service, other than those above stated. (Signed) John Brougham

On this twentieth day of July 1837 personally appeared before me the undersigned, John DeGraff above named who has signed the above deposition and the said John DeGraff made oath that the facts set forth in said deposition are true & correct—and I certify that he is a credible witness. John H. VanEps, Justice of the Peace.