

Pension Application for Adonijah Brown

W.25287 (Widow: Eleanor) Married January 27, 1789 by Reverend Elkana Holmes. Adonijah was born May 17th 1766. Eleanor was born May 6th 1766. Adonijah died December 9, 1847.

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Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress of the 7th June 1832.

State of New York

County of Chenango SS.

On this seventeenth day of June in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty one personally appeared before the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas of the County of Chenango being a court of record having a seal Adonijah Brown a resident of the town of Guilford in the County of Chenango and State of New York aged seventy five years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provisions made by the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

That according to the family record he was born in the town of Bedford County of West Chester and State of New York the 22nd day of May in the year of our Lord 1766 that he lived with his father in the town of Bedford until he was fourteen years of age.

That in the fore part of May 1780 he volunteered as a private into the service of the revolution and joined a company of State troops of the State of Ne York commanded by Capt. Samuel Lewis and belonged to a regiment commanded by Lieutenant Col. Thadeus Crane. That he did not stay with the regiment but was stationed together with five other soldiers belonging to the regiment at the place called Pound Ridge about two miles from the enemies line in the County of West Chester. That his business was to scout near the enemies lines in the day time & take his turn standing on guard at night they did often take British soldiers on the American side of the line. He never was in any regular engagement. Did not see Col. Crane very often but Capt. Lewis used to come to see them as often as once a week. That he does not know as the regiment was commanded by any other colonel than Col. Crane while he was in the service. He was acquainted with Col. Milden & Col. Sheldon of the Cavalry & General Thomas that his father kept the horses of Col. Sheldon's Regiment in the winter of 1780. That he saw the burning of Bedford. That he was personally acquainted with Williams & had seen Paulding two of the persons who took Maj. Andre—

He further states on his oath that he served as above stated without intermission until the fore part of October 1782 when he received a verbal discharge from his captain. That he never received any pay for his services, but under the captain let him have four or five dollars.

That during the time of his service he was not employed in any civil pursuit. He also states that he does not know of any person living by whom he can prove his services. That he served the above mentioned time as a militia man private & the whole service was performed in Westchester County.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and he declares his name is not on the pension roll of any agency of any state.

He also states that he is the identical person named in the certificate of the comptroller of the State of New York hereto attached.

Interrogatories by the Court.

1st When & in what year were you born. Ans. In the town of Bedford County of West Chester & State of Ne York the 22nd day of May in the year of our Lord 1766.

2nd Have you any record of your age & if so where is it? Ans. I have a record of any age at home where I resides.

3rd Where were you living when called into the service where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live? Ans. At the time I volunteered into the service I lived in Bedford County of West Chester & State of New York. Since the Revolution I have lived in the Counties of Ulster, Orange, & Chenango, New York & now live in Guilford Chenango County New York.

4th How were you called into the service, were you drafted, did you volunteer or were you a substitute & if a substitute for whom? Ans. I volunteered.

5th State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops where you served. Such continental & militia regiments as you can recollect & the general circumstances of your services. Ans. I was acquainted with General Thomas & Col. Milden & Sheldon & Col. Crane & I was acquainted with Col. Sheldon's regiment. The general circumstances of my service are mentioned in the body of my declaration.

6th Did you ever receive a discharge from the service & if so by whom was it given and what has become of it? Ans. I received a verbal discharge from my captain he said he should not want us any more as he thought the war was about to a close.

7th State the names of person to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity & their belief of your service as a soldier off the Revolution. Ans. Samuel Godfrey & John G. Bennett. (Signed) Adonijah Brown

Sworn and subscribed the day & year aforesaid. N. C. Rexford, Dep. Clerk

Nancy Brown Born January 2nd 1789

Edward Brown born February 13th 1791.

Nathaniel Brown 27th August 1793.

Alexander Brown born May 21st 1796.

James Brown born 21st January 1799.

Mariah Brown born July 24th, 1801.

Thadeus R. Brown born, Oct 16th, 1804.

Eleanor Brown born June 27th 1806.

Sallyann Brown born Sept 21st 1808.