

## Pension Application for Benjamin Brown

S.12307

Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7<sup>th</sup> 1832.

State of New York

County of WestChester SS

On this third \_\_\_\_\_ day of December in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty two personally appeared in open court before the court of Common Pleas in and for the County of WestChester in the state of New York now sitting Benjamin Brown a resident of the town of Mount Pleasant in the County of WestChester and State of New York aged eighty one 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 act of Congress passed June seventh 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated: that is to say he entered the said service in the militia of the State of New York, come time in the month of May in the year 1779 in the company commanded by Captain Jonas Orser in the Regiment commanded by Lieutenant Colonel James Hammond, for the term of one year: that he was an Ensign in the said company at the time he entered the service as aforesaid and served as such in the said company and regiment from some time in the month of May 1779 until into some time in the month of April in the year 1780 at which time being quartered at Philips Manor now town of Mount Pleasant in the County of West Chester aforesaid, he was taken prisoner by a detachment of the enemies troops and carried by them to their quarters in the southern part of said County and after being kept there a prisoner one day was discharged on parol [parole] and continued a prisoner on parol two years and was exchanged: that from the time of his entering the service in the month of May 1779 as herein before set forth until the time he was taken prisoner in the month of April 1780, was eleven months during which he was in actual service in the said company, and served as ensign therein: that at the time he entered the service in the month of May 1779 as herein before set forth he resided in the Manor of Philips now town of Mount Pleasant aforesaid: that he served during said period of eleven months on the American lines in the said County of WestChester: that he was stationed at different places in the said County during said term, to wit at Bedford at Crompond and Philips Manor now town of Mount Pleasant aforesaid: that the City of New York adjoining the said County of WestChester, and the southern part of the said County of West Chester was at that time in possession of the British troops who were frequently making incursions into the northern and middle parts of said County and that the militia were in the service during said year for the purpose of keeping up a line of military posts in the said County of WestChester for the defence thereof.

And the declarant further saith that in the years 1776 and 1777 and the first part of the year 1778 until he obtained his Ensign's commission which was in the month of June in said last mentioned year; he was an orderly sergeant in the company of Militia of the said County of WestChester commanded by Captain Ladien and in the Regiment commanded by Lieutenant Colonel James Hammond in the said County of WestChester: that he was frequently in the service of the United States in the said company and regiment during the year last aforesaid and served on the lines in the said County of WestChester in guarding the same and also in guarding the shores of the river Hudson and preventing the enemy from landing from their ships in said river: that he has no doubt but that his aggregate service during those years would amount to at least six months, but that in consequence of the length of time which has elapsed he cannot now state the precise times at which all his services were rendered. But he does recollect that some time in the month of July in the year 1776 at the time the British ships the Phoenix and Rose came up the Hudson he and the said Regiment were called into the service and were stationed at Tarry town in the said county six weeks and was then and there honorably discharged.

That in the month of January 1777 he was again called into the service of the of the [sic] United States in the militia of the State of New York in the said company of Captain Ladien in the Regiment commanded by said Lieutenant Colonel Hammond, and was marched to the neighborhood of fort Independence in the southern part of said county with a view to attack that fort as he then understood: that he was in the service at that time six weeks and was honorably discharged at Philips Manor now town of Mount Pleasant aforesaid.

That in the month of June in the year 1777 he was again called into the service of the United States in the said last mentioned company and regiment and continued in the service at that time one month and was discharged. This was at the time some British gallies came up the Hudson and he was called into the service to guard the shore of the said river in the said County of WestChester and prevented the enemy from landing from their gallies.

That some time in the fall of the year 1777 he was again called into the service of the United States in the militia of the State of New York in the said last mentioned company and regiment, and continued in the service at that time one month and a half and was discharged: that he served during that time on the lines in the said County of WestChester.

That he claims a pension for the following service viz.

Eleven months service as ensign in Captain James Oesers Company of Militia in the regiment commanded by Lieutenant Colonel James Hammond, in the year 1779 and 1780.

And also for the term of one month and a half was orderly Sergeant in the company of Captain Ladien in the regiment of Colonel James Hammond, in the month of July and August in the year 1776.

Also for the term of one month and a half service as orderly sergeant in the said last mentioned company and regiment in the month of January and February in the year 1777.

And also for the term of one month in the said last mentioned company and regiment as orderly sergeant in the month of June and July 1777.

And also for the term of one month and a half of service as orderly sergeant in the last mentioned company and regiment in the fall of the year 1777.

1<sup>st</sup> And the declarant saith that he was born in the County of WestChester aforesaid in the year 1751.

2<sup>nd</sup> That is age is recorded in his family bible now in his possession.

3<sup>rd</sup> That at the several times he entered the service as aforesaid he lived in the Manor of Philips now town of Mount Pleasant in the said County of WestChester, has lived there since the revolutionary war and now lives there.

4<sup>th</sup> That he was ordered into the service by his colonel.

5<sup>th</sup> That he does not now recollect the names of any regular officers except General Knox, Colonel Sheldon and Colonel Jameson: that the general circumstances of his services are as herein before set forth.

6<sup>th</sup> Does not recollect that he ever received a written discharge from the service. That he received an ensign's commission which is hereunto annexed, and under which he served the eleven months herein before set forth and which bears date the 16<sup>th</sup> day of June 1778 and is signed by George Clinton. That the names of the persons to whom he is known in his present neighborhood and who can testify as to his character for veracity and their belief of his services as a soldier of the revolution are the [?] Thomas G. Smith and Robert Brown:

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state. (Signed) Benjamin Brown

Sworn to and subscribed this third day of December 1832 before me. N. Bayles Clk, of Westchester Com. Pleas.