

Pension Application for Ebenezer Brown

S.12330

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

State of New York

Tompkins County SS.

On this 18th day of July personally appeared in open court before the Judges of the Court of Oyer & Terminer now sitting Ebenezer Brown a resident of the town of Lansing in the County of Tompkins and state of New York, aged seventy eight 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 7, 1832. That he entered the service of the United States, under the following named officers and served as herein stated.

That at the commencement of the war he resided at Old Shongum in the County of Ulster & State of N. York that about the first of July 1775 he volunteered for three months under Captain Cornelius Mastin [or Martin]—that he went as a minute man marched to Fort Montgomery and [?] in fortifying the works.

That in June 1776 he volunteered for eight months at Shongum or Shawangunk under Capt. John Gillaspay—Col. John Hardenburgh commanded the regiment—was taken sick & remained sick for about three months—that agreed with Captain to hire a substitute & paid the substitute fifteen collars to take his place—that after he got well in September following he was called out & joined his regiment—that he was marched to Kakiat in New Jersey near New York on the Hudson River—staid some time then marched to Havestraw then to Ramapo. After that sent in guarding the lines & continued in that service until the last of March 1777. The British troops lay at Hackensack—that he was under orders for five months & actually served three months during this campaign.

That in April 1777 he volunteered to guard the lines in a company commanded by Capt. Clark—that he served a month—was relieved by another company of volunteers—that he returned home & staid a month & then volunteered & served another month under Lieut. John Johnson on the lines—that he was discharged At the end of the time & again served another month under Capt. Robinson—that he was discharged from the service during the fore part of the winter 1777 having this [?] the terms of a month each in guarding the lines.

That about the first of March 1778 he was ordered by his commanding officer Lieut Vandemark in Col. Hardenburgh's Regiment to go to West Point was put under the command of one Wisner, whether Capt. or Col. he does not recollect—[?] a month at most in building the fort & returned home.

That he afterwards, volunteered in the militia which was ordered out to defend the lines in the summer of 1778 at different times does not recollect the names of officers—recollects lying a month at Living Kill Ulster Col., NY under one Capt. Johnson. The same year he was ordered to go to a place called Hunk in Ulster Co. & hired a man as his substitute for a month—that he was out in the service at different times after that for indefinite periods, but cannot now state particularly.

That he has no documentary evidence & that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to this service.

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) Ebenezer Brown
Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid. Saml. Love, Clerk

The following questions wer4e propounded by the court to the applicant.

1. Where and in what year were you born? Answer. In Penn near Easton—don't recollect the year but believed it was 1754.
2. Have you any record of you rage, and if so where is it? Answer. I have a record in by Bible.

3. Where were you living when called into service; where have you lived since the Revolutionary War; and where do you now live? Answer. I lived at Old Shongum Ulster Co. when I entered the service—I lived there till 1796 & then moved to the town of Milton now landing Tompkins Co., N.Y. where I now live.
4. How were you called into service; were you drafted, did you volunteer, or were you a substitute; and if a substitute, for whom? Answer. I volunteered a number of times & twice I enlisted.
5. State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops when you served; such continental and militia regiments as you can recollect, and the general circumstances of your service. Answer. I don't know as I can recollect any of the regular officers, I knew Col. Dubois Regiment at Fort Montgomery—also Col. Hardenburgh's Regt. I was on the frontiers & at different places, I was at West Point at the building [of] the fort.
6. Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so by whom was it given, and what has become of it? Answer. I had a discharge from Capt. Gillaspie—but it is lost.
7. State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood, and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief of your services as a soldier of the Revolution. Answer. Richard Townley Jr., Thomas Dutcher, General Minier, Judge Townley, Judge North.