

Pension Application for Isaac Brown

S.12306

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

State of New York

County of WestChester SS.

On this twenty eighth day of November in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty two personally appeared before me Edward Kemeys one of the Judge of the Court of Common Pleas in and for the said County of WestChester of the degree of Counsellor in the Superior Court of the said State; Isaac Brown a resident of the Town of Mount Pleasant in the said County aged seventy four years who being first duly sworn according to law, by me, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7th 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 of the militia of the state of New York as a volunteer on or about the last day of August in the year 1776 in the company of militia commanded by Captain Ladiou in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Thomas Thomas, that he entered the service as aforesaid for the term of five months, that he was immediately marched to Fort Independence in the southern part of said County of WestChester and continued in the service in that neighborhood one month and a half, when he hired a substitute who served out the remainder of said term of five months for him. That there were regular troops and officers there at the time he was in the service but he does not now recollect the names of any of the officers; or any particular regiment in the service there at that time.

And the declarant further states that on or about the first of April in the year 1778 he entered the service of the United States in the Army of the United States under Captain Sload or Hews (he thinks his name was though he is not certain) for the term of one year, and was attached to the command of Colonel Hews of the Quarter Masters department in the line of the State of the said County of West Chester on the river Hudson: that while he was so in the service under the command of said Colonel Hews and stationed at said Verplanks point. He was detailed to service as a ferry-man on a public ferry established and kept by the government of the United States at said Verplank's Point; that he served out said year as a ferryman at said ferry and was at the expiration thereof honorably discharged. That he drew rations and clothing and received pay as a soldier from the government of the United States, during said term of one year.

And the declarant further states that some time in the month of May 1779 he again entered the service of the United States in the militia of the State of New York for the term of one year, in the company of militia of the said County of WestChester commanded by Captain Jonas Oeser in Colonel Drakes Regiment then commanded by Lieutenant Colonel James Hammond; that from the period of the commencement of his said last mentioned term of service until some time in the month of April 1780, he continued in the service of the United States on the lines in the said County in the said company and regiment; that sometime in the month of April 1780 and after he had served eleven months of the said last mentioned term service under the command of said Captain Jonas Orser, and in the regiment Commanded by said Lieutenant Colonel James Hammond; he the declarant was taken prisoner by a detachment of British troops while he was quartered at Philips Manor in the said County of WestChester, now town of Mount Pleasant, and was wounded on his head; that the British carried him some distance when finding him unable to proceed any further in consequence of his wound, discharged him on parole; that he remained a prisoner on parol[e] until the last of February or first of March in the year 1781 when the British took him and carried him to the City of New York and confined him a prisoner in the Sugar House in that city one month and a half when he was exchanged.

And the Declarant states that he claims a pension for the following service via, for the one month and a half in Captain Landieu's company in the year 1776 and also for the one year's service in

1778 at Verplank's point under Colonel Hews, and also for the eleven service in the year 1779, in Captain Jonas Orser's Company all which services as herein before particularly set forth and the declarant also claims a pension for the one month and a half during which he was confined in the Sugar House in the City of New York in the year 1781.

1st And the declarant saith that he was born in the Manor of Fordham in the said County of WestChester in the year one thousand seven hundred and fifty eight.

2nd That the time of his birth is recorded in his family bible now in his possession.

3rd That he lived in the County of West Chester aforesaid at the time he entered the service as aforesaid and has lived there ever since the Revolutionary War in the Town of Mount Pleasant and now lives there.

4th That he entered the service as a volunteer and served as a private.

5th That he does not now recollect the names of any regular officers or any particular continental or Militia regiments other than those hereinbefore mentioned and that the general circumstances of his service are as herein set forth.

6th Does not now recollect that he ever received a written discharge from the service.

That there is no clergyman living in his vicinity. But 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 Martin Brown and Grabiell Sherwood of the town of Mount Pleasant in the County of WestChester aforesaid.

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 with his mark) Isaac Brown.

Sworn to and subscribed this 28th day of November 1832 before me, Edward Kemeys Judge WestChester Com. Pleas.

Letter in folder dated March 17, 1932, written in response to an inquiry.

Reference is made to your letter relative to Isaac Brown of Westchester County, New York, a soldier of the Revolutionary War.

The data furnished herein are obtained from the papers on file in pension claim, X. 12306, based upon the Revolutionary War service of Isaac Brown.

He was born in 1758 in the Manor of Fordham, Westchester County, New York.

While residing in said Westchester County, he enlisted and served with the New York troops as following – from the last day of August, 1776, one and one half months in Captain Ladieu's Company in Colonel Thomas Thomas' regiment; from April 1, 1778, one year in Captain Slow or Sload's Company under Colonel Hews in the Quartermaster Department; from sometime in May 1779 in Captain Jonas Orsor's Company in Colonel James Hammond's regiment, was taken prisoner by the British in April 1790 and was wounded in his head, was held a prisoner on parole a part of the time in the Sugar House in New York City, was exchanged in May 1781.

He was allowed pension on his application executed November 28, 1832, at which time he was living in Mount Pleasant, Westchester County, New York.

He died March 25, 1838 in Westchester County, New York.

He left no widow, but the following children survived him—Isaac Brown, Jacob Brown, John Brown, Robert brown, Jesse brown, and Anna Secor.

The name of soldier's wife is not stated, and there are no further data as to children.