

## Pension Application for Isaac Brown

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

State of New York

Ulster County SS.

On this 12<sup>th</sup> day of September AD 1832, personally appeared in open court before the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in and for the County of Ulster now sitting being a court record, Isaac Brown a resident of the town of Rochester in the County of Ulster and State of New York aged seventy 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 7, 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated that he was born in the town of Cortlant [Cortlandt] in the County of Weschester [Westchester] in the State of New York in the year 1761 but that he does not know from information or in any other manner the month or day of the month in which he was born.

That he has no written record of his age, but has always understood that he was born in 1761.

That he first entered the service of the United States in the Malitia [Militia] as a volunteer in Cortland manor in the County of Weschester aforesaid in the year 1777 as he believes in a company commanded by Captain James Cronkhite in the spring of that year, that he cannot now recollect either the month or the day of the month that the said company belonged to the ridgement [regiment] commanded by Col. Samuel Drake that a person by the name of Benjamin Dikeman was lieutenant in said company.

That when he entered the service he was taken to the North River about two miles from his residence to prevent the landing of the enemy that after this time he was in said company and was out on a actual duty two or three days in a week or patrolling parties for the space of two years, that some times he was on the North River, [Hudson River] sometimes at a place called Continental bridge and at Pine bridge all in the said County of Weschester.

That the [blot] river was two miles and the Croton River was eight miles from his residence which were called the lines, which the said company had to guard. That during the above period he was home generally a few days in each week but was not able to do scarcely any work for himself as far as previous he was worn down by fatigue and want of sleep as soon as he would recover a little he would be called out again, which continued for the space of two years from his first entrance into the service as aforesaid.

That he was out every week for the above period two nights in each week, one night for himself and one night as a substitute for one Nathaniel Brown who belonged to a company under the command of one Nathaniel Brown who belonged to a company under the command of Captain Boyd which belonged to the above regiment.

That during the above period the enemy were continually effecting landings along the said North River, the Croton River and at the above mentioned bridges.

That Captain Cronkhite was taken prisoner by the English at Crumpond in the County of Weschester that at the time the Captain was taken he was out with him but made his escape that the enemy surrounded the Captain and shortly after he was taken he was exchanged and resumed the command of his company that the Captain was taken prisoner the same season that Stoney Point on the North River was taken by the enemy.

That after the expiration of the above two years he was still called out at the above mentioned places on duty as often as one day in each week until near the close of the war. That the whole time that he was out on actual duty at the places aforesaid at different times during the war was not less than eighteen months.

That all the officers above named are now dead that he cannot now recollect the names of any other officers belonging to the said companies nor the regiment except those already named.

That he never was in any actual engagement with the enemy except at the time when Captain Cronkite was taken by the enemy as aforesaid there were a few guns fired. That he always lived in the County of Westchester aforesaid from his birth until about six years after the close of the war when he moved into the town of Plattekill in the County of Ulster aforesaid and continued to live there until about eighteen months ago when he moved to the town of Rochester in said County of Ulster.

That he has lately been to Westchester to procure evidence of his service and that he could not procure any other than what appears from the affidavits of John Lent and Isaac Lent both residents of Westchester and that he knows of no other person or persons now living whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service and that he has no documentary evidence of his 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.

That he cannot without too much expense and inconvenience to him [?] a clergyman in court with whom his is acquainted.

Sworn & subscribed to the day and year aforesaid in open court. A.G. Hardenburgh, Abm Deyo, John Jansen, Judges