

Pension Application for Jonathan Brown

W.16863 (Widow: Lucy)
State of New Hampshire
County of Sullivan SS.

On this twenty first day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty nine.

Personally appeared before me Ambrose Cossit one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas for the County of Sullivan and state of New Hampshire, Lucy Brown formerly of the Town of Pittstown County of Rensselaer and State of New York now of the Town of Pittstown County of Rensselaer and State of New York now of the Town of Clairmont in the County of Sullivan and State of New Hampshire aged seventy six years on the tenth day of May now lost passed, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provisions made by the act of Congress passed July fourth A.D. one thousand eight hundred and thirty six. That she is the widow of Jonathan Brown late of Pittstown County of Rensselaer and state of New York who was an Ensign in the Revolutionary Army of the United States and who are the sixteenth day of April one thousand eight hundred and thirty four obtained a pension of two hundred and forty dollars per annum, during his natural life, the evidence of the services and ranke, the said Jonathan Brown held in the said army are all now on record in the War department of the United States as reference being thereunto had will appear.

She further declares that she was married to the said Jonathan Brown on the twentieth day of June in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and seventy eight, being prior to the third day of November one thousand seven hundred and eighty three, that her husband the aforesaid Jonathan Brown died on the eleventh day of June in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty six. That she was married to him prior to his leaving the service and that she has remained a widow ever since the death of the said Jonathan Brown, as will more fully appear by reference to the proof hereunto annexed. (Signed) Lucy Brown.

Sworn to and subscribed on the day and year above written before me. Ambrose Cossit, Judge of the Court of Common Pleas for the County of Sullivan.

Letter in folder dated May 17, 1939, written in response to an inquiry.

Reference is made to your letter in which you request information in regard to Jonathan Brown who was an ensign with the New York troops in the Revolutionary War.

The data furnished herein were obtained from papers on file in claim for pension W.16863, based upon service of Jonathan Brown in the War of the Revolution.

Jonathan Brown was born December 20, 1753, place not stated, nor are the names of his parents given.

While a resident of Pittstown, Rensselaer County, New York, Jonathan Brown was commissioned, February 16, 1776, ensign and served as such in Captains Benjamin Hick's and Joseph McCracken's companies, in Colonel Goose VanSchaick's 1st New York Regiment until he resigned his commission April 29, 1778. It was stated that he was in the battle of Monmouth, no further details of this service given.

He was allowed pension on his application executed September 4, 1832, at which time he was in Pittstown, New York. he died June 11, 1836.

Jonathan Brown married June 20, 1778, in Stephentown, Rensselaer County, New York, Lucy Douglass. She was born May 10, 1762, or 1763, place not show; she was the daughter of Asa Douglass, name of her mother not shown. At the time of the marriage of Jonathan Brown, and Lucy Douglass, the said Asa Douglass was Justice of the Peace in Stephentown, New York.

The widow, Lucy Brown, was allowed pension on her application executed February 21, 1839, at which time she was a resident of Claremont, Sullivan County, New Hampshire. She was living in the fall of 1839, in Lansingburgh, Rensselaer County, New York.

They reared a "numerous family of children"; only name stated was Hannah who was born May 5, 1779 or 1780, she married John Billings (date not given), they were both living in 1839 in Claremont, New Hampshire.

Zebulon Douglass aged sixty-eight years in 1839, and a resident of Madison County, New York, stated that he was well acquainted with Jonathan Brown and Lucy Douglass and was present at their marriage; his relationship to the family not given.