

Pension Application for Joseph Brown

R.1327 (Widow: Mary Mead)

State of New York

County of West Chester SS.

On this eighteenth day of November personally appeared before Nehemiah Brown one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in and for the County of West Chester, Mary Brown a resident of the town of Rye in the said County of West Chester and State of New York aged seventy nine years 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 4th 1836—

That she is the widow of Joseph Brown who was a Sargeant in Capt. Benjamin Steven's Company of Rangers and enlisted in the same about the first of May A.D. 1777 and was discharged after serving as such Sargeant for the period of nine months during which time the said Joseph Brown was in two skirmishes, one in King Street, the other in the town of Rey aforesaid, and this declarant further states that the said Joseph Brown was in the whale boat service as a private under Col. Jabez Fitch in the years 1778 and 1779 and was discharged after a period of eight months service and this declarant further states upon her oath as aforesaid that the said Joseph Brown enlisted in the United States service under Capt. Samuel Lockwood in February 1781 and continued in the said service until he was taken a prisoner at Greenwich Fairfield County State of Connecticut and was confined by the British as a prisoner of War in the Sugar House at the City of New York for the space of six months—that before he was taken prisoner as aforesaid and while under the command of Capt. Samuel Lockwood, the said Joseph Brown was in an engagement at Morrissenia in the said County of West Chester as this deponent was informed by the said Joseph Brown and also in another engagement but where this declarant has forgotten.

She further declares that she was married to the said Joseph Brown on the 22d day of December A.D. 1780 that her husband the aforesaid Joseph Brown died on the eighteenth day of August in the year one thousand eight hundred and twenty tow and that she has remained a widow ever since that period as will more fully appear by reference to the proof hereto annexed. Signed Mary Brown.

Sworn to and subscribed on the said year above written before. Neh'n Brown SS. One of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas of the Court of West Chester State of N.Y.