

Pension Application for Nathan Brown or Tamar or Tama

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State of Pennsylvania

County of Erie SS.

On this tenth day of November 1832, personally appeared in open court before the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas for the county of Erie aforesaid it being a court of Record now sitting Nathan Brown a resident of the Township of Fairview in the County of Erie and State of Pennsylvania aged seventy 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 7th 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein after mentioned.

That at the time he entered the said service he was residing in the town of Salem in the County of West Chester and State of New York.

On the 4th day of August 1778, this deponent volunteered (in a company commanded by Capt. Benjamin Stevens—Major Toblers Commanded the battalion) to serve for the term of three months. The whole battalion marched to a place called North Castle. Trip Street where it was stationed for about one month—From thence it was marched to Jacob Ryder's near the North River where it was stationed for about one month—for thence the battalion was marched to one Carpenters—thence to the Red Mills – North of the White Plains where the deponent was stationed until his term of service had expired and was then discharged and returned home.

In the month of April 1779—the deponent was drafted into a company commanded Capt. Chapmin and subsequently transferred to Capt. Lawrence's Company. Col. Crane commanded the regiment—The company was stationed at Bedford for about one month. The company having then been relieved by another company the deponent was dismissed and returned home

About the latter end of May in the same year the deponent was drafted out of Capt. Chapmin's company and served under Capt. Keller – and stationed at Thomas Hunts a little North of Pine's Bridge.

The deponent was on this tour for more than one month—when he was dismissed but the next day he was called out under Capt. Chapmin—and marched back to Hunts Capt. Keeler and taken prisoner back to Hunts. Capt. Keeler was taken prisoner the same night—he dismissed the deponent. He was again dismissed in a week or ten days when the alarm had subsided and returned home.

The deponent was one of the standing militia called "Minute men" and drew pay and rations while at home as well as when at any stationed. He was liable to be called out at a minute warning. The deponent was for the greater part of the summer of 1779 actively serving under the command of capta. Chapmin in the County of West Chester—which was called the "neutral ground". The deponent believes that in this year (1779) he served six months at least.

In the summer of 1780—the deponent served in Capt. Chapmin's Company and Col. Thaddeus Crane's regiment—When Bedford was burnt he was stationed there one week. When Poundridge was burnt—he was stationed there one week—when Crews Pond was burnt he was stationed there several days and in the intervenient time he was employed for the greater part of the summer in patrolling the county. The deponent served this summer actively (in the same company) five months at least. In the summer of 1780—The deponent was serving in the same company and actively employed for about seven months in patrolling and scouring through all the county of West Chester. He was called wherever there was an alarm of the British as "Cowboys".

In the summer of 1782—The deponent was in the same company under Capt. Chapmin and employed in ranging in the same way through the County of West Chester and served five or six months. He was on the lives when the army was disbanded.

Was born in Salem in WChester Co. New York in the year 1762 – Had a discharge for the three months tour which he has lost—had no other discharge from Salem he moved to Saratoga—thence to Onondaga County—thence to near Buffalo in 1811 and about sixteen years ago he moved to Erie County Penns’a in which he has continued ever since.

Part of the time he lay along side of the French Troops near Thos Hunts – at North Castle we lay along side of Col. Sheldon’s Regiment – Gen’l Washington reviewed us when we were near the North River above White Plains.

Major H. Chapman & Asa White & others can [blot] applicants character.

He has no documentary evidence and knows of no person by whom he can prove his services in the revolution.

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 in any state. (Signed) Nathan Brown.

Sworn and subscribed the day and year aforesaid. Edwin J. Kelso Pro.

The court propounded the following interrogatories to the applicant.

1st Where and in what year were you born?

2nd Have you any record of you age; and if so where is it?

3rd Where were you living when called into service where have you lived since the revolutionary war, and where do you now live?

4th How were you called into service; were you drafted, did you volunteer or were you a substitute? And if a substitute for whom?

5th State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops where you served; such Continental and Militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

6th Did you ever receive a discharge from the service and if so by whom was it given and what has become of it?

7th State the names of person to whom you are known in your present neighbourhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief of your services as a soldier of the revolution.

We David Chapman in the Township of [?] in the County of Erie aforesaid and Asa White residing in the same Township hereby certify that we are well acquainted with Nathan Brown, who has subscribed and sworn to the above declaration that we believe him to be seventy years of age; that he is reputed and believed in the neighborhood where he resides to have been a soldier of the revolution and that we concur in that opinion. David H. Chapman, Asa White.

Sworn and subscribed the day and year aforesaid. Edwin J. Kelso. Pro.