

Pension Application for Nehemiah Brown

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State of Connecticut

County of Fairfield SS.

Probate District of Stamford.

On this 4th day of April A.D. 1834, personally appeared in open court before the Court of Probate in [session?] the District afores'd now sitting Nehemiah Brown a resident of the town of Greenwich in the County of Fairfield & State of Connecticut aged seventy four 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 stated.

In the Revolutionary War in the spring of 1776 the last of March as I think I went to the City of New York from said Greenwich as a private soldier in a company of Connecticut Militia commanded by Capt. Matthew Mead & Lieut. Jno. Knapp both of s'd Greenwich both now dead, we were ordered down to guard the City of [?] did duty there for more than four weeks as I think—I know for that time at least were then discharged I came home, we went down by winter in a snow storm – after this as I think in the first half of June we at all events as I think in June I again went as a private in the same company under the same officers and said city & did duty there in Washington's Army till after the retreat from the city & for a fortnight after our army took the station on Harlem Heights when we were discharged having served steadily for three months.—Co. John Mead commanded our Regt of Gen. G. S. Silliman's our brigade the fall of the same year & after the Battle at White Plains the company of Connecticut Militia commanded by Capt. James Green then of said Greenwich [?] of which I then belonged was ordered out to do guard duty at Sawkit in New York & at Byram Bridge & steadily did duty then for the space of three months. I can not now state the time when this term ended or began with certainty but the month was probably Nov. or Dec & Jan'y. Immediately or very shortly after this said company and the same capt. was again ordered on & went on a tour of guard duty for one month at Sherwoods Bridge in s'd Greenwich did duty there for the whole term. This was early in 1777. Soon after this & in the spring of 1777 I think in March & April the same company under the same Capt. & myself with said company was ordered out stood guard duty at Byram Bridge in said Greenwich for the term of two months. There was another company there at the same time under Capt. Isaac How, Col. Jno. Mead commanded us. In the following summer I cannot recollect the month but after harvest the same company then commanded by Capt. Benjn. Green then of said Greenwich [?] was again ordered out on guard duty & did guard duty at said Byram Bridge for one month. David Brown was our Lieut. He is dead. I served this term among the rest of the company for the whole month. In the year 1778 in the summer before harvest the said company or a detachment of it (which I cannot recollect) still commanded by Capt. Benj Green did guard duty for one month at Quaker Ridge in said Greenwich on guard being at Benjamin Meads' & after harvest of the same year & in the fall (I cannot be certain as to the month) the same company under the same Capt. Benj Green was ordered & did guard duty for one month again on said Quaker Ridge our quarters being at Wm. Marshalls. I served in said company on both of these last mentioned occasions for the tours stated. One month on each occasion, at least six or eight months & perhaps more after this & enlisted in a company of State Troops of New York commanded by one [Tucker?] who was a lieutenant I believe but acted as Captain, David [Hobleg?] now dead was a major in the Regt & he directed the movements of the company. Tucker is dead. I enlisted entered at Middle Patent in North Castle in New York for three months & served out the whole of said term in that place doing guard duty & scouting & making excursions. During this term Gen'l Thoma's house was burnt by the enemy., I enlisted as I think as late as May in 1779 on this occasion & served the three months steadily out. At all events the three months were summer months. I enlisted on this

occasion, because I thought it better to enlist. Then he constantly [?] by being ordered out in them as I had been before. The pressing [?] of services & of as regard the different tours of duty is correct but I find it impossible to specify dates & times more minutely than I have done on every occasion stated my services were rendered and regularly organized & embodied corps of troops raised & ordered out into the public service by the public authorities of Connecticut or New York. I served as a private on all the occasions mentioned, and my services stated were all steadily & constant services in the field or garrison & such that I cannot and did not during the times stated follow any civil pursuit.

I was born in said Greenwich March 19th 1760 have a family record of my age in my possession resided in said Greenwich when I entered & went into service as above stated & have always from that time to this resided in the same place. I was ordered out & enlisted as stated above—went always for myself & not as a substitute—I could [?] many particulars of my service, but they were so little nororiety [?] little importance that the statement would be useless. Cannot for [?] answer the 5 prescribed interrogatory more particularly than I have done—never received a written discharge & I refer to Job Lyon, Hezekiah Hoblez, James Locwood & Phinehas Rundle as persons who know my character for truth & who can testify as to my services above stated--If I can find other testimony I will, but at present I know of no other witnesses than those I have mentioned who can testify to my services except that I will endeavor to obtain the testimony of Joshua Lyon of said Greenwich who has some knowledge of my service.—The clergyman of the society where I live is young & has lived with us but a short time & knows nothing of my services. I will ascertain whether he has heard enough of my services to be able to certify for me & if he can I will forward it. If not there is no clergyman who knows any thing in relation to then & none who can certify for me.

This declarant hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension except the present & declares that his name is not on the pensin roll of the agency of any state. (Signed) Nehemiah Brown.

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid. Ch. Hawks Judge.