

## Pension Application for Samuel Brown

S.12311

State of New York

Montgomery County SS.

On this twentieth day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty two personally appeared in open court before Aaron Werren, Abram Morrel, Samuel A. Gilbert, John Hand and Henry J. Devendorph the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas of the County of Montgomery now sitting Samuel Brown a resident of the town of Broadalbin in the County of Montgomery and State of New York aged eighty years the sixth day of November in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty one 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 seventh one thousand eight hundred and thirty tow, that he entered the service of the United States as a volunteer under the following named officers and served as herein stated.

That he served twenty one days as a volunteer under Col'n Lewis VanWort and Captains Elias Golden that he entered the service, that time in the month of October seventeen hundred & seventy five in the town of Cambridge in the County of Washington now (then in the County of Albany, and State of New York and continued there in the service for the said twenty one days.

That he volunteered under the same officers as above stated in Cambridge aforesaid sometime in April 1776 and went to Stillwater aforesaid sometime in April 1776 and went to Stilwater and stayed about seven or eight days and went to Saratoga and stayed about the same length of time and then went under the same Captain under the Command of Col'n Warner of the Continental troops in company with about four Hundred Volunteers to Fort Edward and from there to Joseph's Paten and stayed there about fifteen days and then was discharged and went home to Cambridge and was out at that time one month.

That he volunteered the later part of June 1776 and went under the command of Capt. John Whiteside to Saratoga and from there to Fort Edward and stayed there about ten days and was discharged and went home and says that he was gone that time in the service about fifteen days.

That he volunteered in the month of September 1776 and went under the command of Capt. John Whiteside from Cambridge to Stilwater Saratoga Fort Edward and from there to Lake George and stayed at that place about ten days and was discharged and returned to Cambridge was in the service about fifteen days at that time and says that Cap.t Shipman was the commander of the fort at Lake George at that time.

That he was drafted in the month of April seventeen hundred and seventy five for one month and that he at that time hired Christopher Lowbridge as a substitute for the month and gave him six dollars to go in his room and fonn [found?] him a shews [shoes] and let him have his gun and equipage to go with and he went to Palvertown and served the month and then returned.

That he volunteered on the twenty eighth day of September seventeen hundred and eighty and went o Fort Ann under the command of Dial Sherwood who was the commanding officer of that fort at that time and that he was there until the 10 day of October at which time Major Carlton with about six hundred British soldiers and three hundred Indians attacked the fort and took it and took the most of the American soldiers that was there together with him self prisoner sand took them that night to Wings barn and kept them till the next morning and then they were taken on towards Lake George and that him self and Captain Harris of Kingsbury was [fastened?] together by their armes [arms] and went on in sight of Fort George and a part of the Americans came out and the British & Indians kild I[killed] and made prisoners of the most of them and then Major Carlton sent a ploy into Fort George and the Americans surrendered the fort to the British and Indians and they stayed there until the next morning and was then marched two days around the lake to Crown Point and from there he was taken in company with the rest of the American Prisoners to Island St. Johns Chamblee and then to Grant's Island

in the St. Lawrence river where they was kept about five weeks and was then taken to Fortrushes [fortresses] store house and was kept there about five months and then Captain Jones of the British service sent in took him out and sat him to work in his garden where he worked five weeks and then in company with six other prisoners made their escape from the British and [?] for him and that him self and one of the others named Hue Mcarty got lost from the other five and they were twenty three days in getting through the woods to the American inhabitants and that they made their escape from the British at that time on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of May and arrived home to his family in Cambridge on the fourteenth day of June seventeen hundred and eighty one and was out in the service with the prisoner at that four eight months and sixteen days.

That he was in the service as a volunteer eleven months and seven days including the time he was a prisoner and that he was drafted for one month as stated before and hired a substitute and that the whole of the time is one year and seven days.

1<sup>st</sup> That he was born in Suffield in the State of Massachusetts the sixth day of November 1761.

2d That he has not got any record of his age but thinks that his brother in Sempronius Cayuga County and State of New York has a record of his age.

3d That he lived in Cambridge as before stated when he went into service and continued to reside there until he moved to Mayfield in 1785 he thinks and then moved into the town of Broadalbin in the next year where his now resides.

4<sup>th</sup> That he volunteered at five different times and was drafted once.

5<sup>th</sup> That he served where Coln Warner and Capt. Shipman was officers of the regular troops and Coln Lewis VanWort and Capts Elias Golden John Whiteside Dial Sherwood of the militia.

6<sup>th</sup> That he never received and written discharge but was discharged verbally by the officers when they were not wanted at the different times mentioned as before.

7<sup>th</sup> That David Becker Samuel A. Gilbert Collins Odell are acquainted with him in his present neighborhood and can testify as to his good character for veracity and their belief of his being a soldier of the revolution. (Signed) Samuel Brown.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid. Geo. D. Ferguson, Clerk

Letter in file dated December 2, 1932, and written in response to an inquiry.

The data furnished herein are obtained from the papers on file in the Revolutionary War pension claim S.12311, based upon the military service of Samuel Brown in that war.

Samuel brown was born November 6, 1751, in Suffield, Massachusetts.

While residing in Cambridge, Albany, (later Washington) County, New York, he volunteered in October, 1775, and served twenty-one day was a private in Captain Elias Golden's Company, Colonel Lewis VanWoert's New York Regiment; he volunteered in April 1776, and served fifteen days under the same officers and fifteen days in Captain Elias Golden's Company in Colonel Warner's Regiment of the Continental Troops; he enlisted the latter part of June, 1776, and served fifteen days in Captain John Whiteside's New York Company, and in September, 1776, again served fifteen days in the same company and was at the fort at Lake George, then commanded by Captain Shipman; he volunteered September 28, 1780, and served in Captain Shimpman; he volunteered September 28, 1780, served in Captain Adiel Sherwood's New York Company; on October 10, 1780, while in an engagement with the British and Indians at Fort Ann or Fort Edward (both forts are given in the papers), was taken prisoner, carried to Canada and held until in May 1781, when he made his escape.

After the Revolution, he continued to reside in Cambridge, New York, until 1785, then moved to Mayfield, New York; and about a year later to Broadalbin, New York.

He was allowed pension on his application executed September 20, 1832, while residing in Broadalbin, Montgomery County, New York.

He died October 27, 1828. He left no widow, but the following children survived him.

Jacob, Job, James, Samuel, Daniel, Abigail Ferguson, Hannah Ferguson, and Sarah Brown. In 1845, son Jacob Brown was aged sixty eight years and resided in Fulton County, New York. His sisters, Abigail and Hannah Ferguson and Sarah Brown also resided in that county, but the sons, Job, James, Samuel, and Daniel were residing in different sections of the western county, places of residence not stated. The name of their mother is not given.

In 1832, a brother of the soldier was residing in Sempronius, Cayuga County, New York; the brother's name is not given.

In 1832, George D. Ferguson was county clerk of Montgomery County, New York, no relationship to Abigail or Hannah Ferguson, the soldier's daughters, was show.

There are no further data as to family.