

Pension Application for Silas Brown

W.1136 (Widow: Margaret) Married April 23, 1831, married to Mrs. Margaret Crance. Silas died February 28, 1839.

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State of New York

County of Orange SS.

On this fourth day of September 1832, personally appeared in open court before Samuel Steward, John Hallock, Fr. Nathaniel P. Hill and Horace W. Elliott, Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in and for the County of Orange being a Court of record now sitting Silas Brown a resident of the Town of Wallkill in the County of Orange and State of New York 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. That about the month of September in the year one thousand seven hundred and seventy five he entered as a private in a Regiment of Volunteers commanded by Col. Samuel Drake in Capt Cornelius Steenrod's company raised by the Provincial Government of New York that when he enlisted he resided in the County of Westchester in the State of New York that the Regiment marched to New York and was employed in the building a Fort on York Island until about the twentieth of March 1776, his time of enlistment expired and that in the month of July following he again enlisted in a Regiment of State Troops commanded by Col. Thomas Thomas in Capt. Nathaniel Delevan's Company as a private for the term of six months that the said regiment was attached to Brigadier Gen. George Clinton's Brigade in the Continental Army, and that he served in said Regiment until the following January when his term expired and he was verbally discharged, while he was in said Regiment the same was stationed at Kingsbridge, on the line between Westchester and New York and he further saith that he served in Col. Gilbert's Regiment of Militia in Capt. Samuel Lawrence Company and marched to Danbury in Conn. at the time it was burnt by the British and followed the British after Danbury was burnt to Comper where their shipping lay, and that he served in Col. Crane's Regiment of Militia in Capt. Gideon Seely's Company that he served in the militia at different times from the commencement of the Revolutionary War until it ended, the service was all in the militia except the two enlistment's above stated, that his different periods of service altogether would count three years service, he was kept the chief of the time in the County of Westchester in the State of New York where some part of the Militia was in actual service during the whole Revolutionary War that he has no documentary evidence of his service and knows of only two persons living by whom he can prove his services, Daniel Purdy and John Brown of Westchester County and that they are both aged and infirm and unable to attend this court without great care and expense which this applicant is unable to pay, but whose affidavits he has procured, he said he was born at a place called Nine Partners in Dutchess County, State of New York in 1758.

There is a record of his age in an old Bible of his parents who are both dec'd that he never received any written or printed discharge from service.

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 of any state. The said record of this applicant's age is now in possession of his daughter Abigail Brown, the wife of James Brown of Bloomingburgh in the County of Sullivan and State of New York. (Signed) Silas Brown.

Subscribed & sworn the 4th September 1832. Asa Dunning Clerk.