

Pension Application for John Brush

R.1376

New-York Mayor's Court.

In the Court of Common Pleas, called the Mayor's Court of the City of New-York, held at the City-Hall, in and for the said City, before the Judges of the same Court, of September term, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty.

Present the Honorable Peter Augustus Jay, Esquire Recorder of the City of New-York SS.

Be it remembered, that on the twenty third day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty personally appeared in the Court of Common Pleas, called the Mayor's Court of the City of New-York, in open court, the said court being a court of record for the city and county of New York, John Brush aged seventy two years, resident in the City of New York in the United States of America who being first duly sworn, according to law, doth on his oath declare, that he served in the revolutionary war as follows: to wit, he enlisted in the year 1775 as a private in a regiment of Infantry commanded by Colonel Bircham, in a company commanded by Captain Ditmers in the Continental establishment, in the New York line for and during the war, deponent saith he was at the battle of flatlands where the British first landed there, and at the battle of White Plains he saith he served in the Continental Army until the Close of the War in 1783, when he was honorably discharged by Colonel Bircham at New Rochelle deponent shortly after lost his discharge in crossing the river from New Rochelle to Great Neck in consequence of being overtaken by a very heavy gale when his coat was blown out of the boat into the river with his discharge in one of the Pockets (deponent at that time being in his shirtsleeves) and that he has no other evidence now in his power, of his said service except the affidavit of James Dusenbury hereunto annexed. (Signed with his mark) John Brush

And in pursuance of the act of the first of May 1820. I do solemnly swear, that I was a resident of the United States on the 19th day of Mary 1818 and that I have not since that time, by gift, sale, or in any manner, disposed of my property, or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions of an act of Congress, entitled, "An act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States, in the Revolutionary War," passed on the 18th day of March, one thousand eight hundred and eighteen: and that I have not; nor have I any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed, and by me subscribe, to wit:

Real Estate.

Personal Estate necessary bedding & clothing excepted.

6 chairs \$0.75, 1 table of pine \$0.25, 1 work bunch \$2.50, 1 Jack Plane 0.25, 1 long plane 0.50, 1 [?] 0.25, 1 spake (have given to me), 0.12 ½, 1 Broad Axe which deponent paid for 0.12 ½, 1 saw 0.50, 6 tea cups & saucers 0.18, 1 looking glass 0.75, 6 old knives & forks 0.25, 6 plates 0.25, 6 old knives & forks 0.25, 1 tea pot 0.12 ½, 1 tea kettle 0.50, 1 pr old and irons & shovel & tongs 1.05. (\$7.68)

The whole value of the property is \$7.68. Declarant is w wheelwright by trade, but his occupation at present is making axe and hammer handles, when his is able, he is very infirm, he is much afflicted with a pain in his head and back, which renders him unable to work all the time. He has a wife Jane brush aged 59 years who is unable to do but very little she is hardly to do the house work.

He has one child residing with him, Jacob Brush aged 23 years who works at the tobacconists business, who pays deponents for his board which has here to fore together with deponent's little labor, been his support, he saith that he is in such indigent circumstances be unable to support himself without the aid of the general Government except by private or public charity. (Signed with his mark) John Brush

Sworn in open court this 23rd Sept 1820. Benj'm Ferris Clk