Pension Application for John Brasher

S.16057 The State of Ohio Hamilton County SS.

On this seventeenth day of August personally appeared in open court before Daniel Gano Esqr Clerk Pro Tem of the Court of Common Pleas, now sitting John Brasher, a resident of Springfield, Township in the County of Hamilton, and State of Ohio, aged sixty-eight years, three months, 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 AD eighteen hundred and thirty two.

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

That he is the son of Henry Brasher, that he was born in the City of New York on the fifteenth day of May AD 1764. That he was taken by Capt. Henry Brasher in the year 1775 in the summer of that year as a waiter to said Capt. Brasher in General McDougal's Brigade, Col. Malcom's Regt, Major James Abner, and continued in that character and in that duty until November 1776 ending at White Plains in said State of New York, with the exception of three months as a drummer at TarryTown on Hudson River in a Connecticut Regmt, stationed at that place.

The officers names not recollected as they were strangers to deponent—After which he states, he was enrolled at the age of sixteen years and stood a draft in Capt. Arthur Smith's company of Militia Col. Hosbrook Regt, Genl Clinton's Brigade at Newburgh after which he states he was impressed to drive a team of oxen, for one month in the winter, to hall [haul] or draw logs to — Carry up the chain at [Polessols?] Island, two miles above West Point, thence held to Military Duty in said State on various and frequent tours of duty, day and night, winter & summer, after deserters on alarms & which were frequent and held as minute men, until the year—1783 and emigrated to the City of Cincinnati, State of Ohio in the month of November in the year 1790—

The company layover were stationed one mile below TarryTown on the farm of the Widow VanWert the mother of Isaac VanWert who in with Paulding and Williams, captured Andre at that place, and when off duty had much amusement at shooting at a mark, foot racing and wresting with said Isaac VanWert, Paulding (the son of Col. John Paulding and family) at that time resided at the Village of TarryTown which this applicant was drummer to the Connecticut Company. The draft alluded to above, was to go on the frontier 40 miles back over Shawangunk Mountains to join Col. Courtlandts Regt of regular troops, against the Indians, who had done much damage. In re[?] to Col. Malcolm's Regt, the Rev. John Gano was Chaplain to said Regt, Genl John Gano's father, late of the City; Cincinnati, County of Hamilton and State of Ohio.

He states that he has no documentary evidence of his service that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his services aforesaid.

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. (Signed) John Brahser

Sworn to and subscribed the day & year aforesaid. Dan'l Gano, Clerk