

Pension Application for David Brown

W.18642 (Widow: Rachel) Sergeant in the NY Line. Married May 21, 1780. David died March 15, 1828. Children: Dianta born September 11, 1780; David born October 30, 1782; Marella born May 27 1785; Abigail born May 15, 1787; Sally born April 27, 1789; Cynthia born August 23, 1791; Smith born Novmeber 21, 1793 and deceased August 25, 1796; James Havre born July 28, 1798; Elizabeth born Sept. 7, 1800; Polly born Dec. 25, 1801; Smith born Dec 18, 1802; Hiram born Feby 11, 1806; Prudence born Jany 18, 1806.

State of New York

Saratoga SS.

David Brown of the Town of Providence in the County of Saratoga and State of New York of the age of fifty nine years being duly sworn on the holy Evangelists of Almighty God, doth depose Swear and declares—that some time in the month of April in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and seventy six (as he now recollects), he this deponent at the town of Pittstown in the then County of Albany in the State aforesaid enlisted into a company of regulars then commanded by Benjamin Hicks in a Regiment commanded by Colonel Goose VanSchaick belonging to the New York Line of troops and under the service of the Continental Congress against the common enemy—and this deponent farther saith that at that time he enlisted for the term of ten months and regularly served the same term in active service in the company aforesaid—and this deponent farther saith that in the month of February in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and seventy seven he this deponent again enlisted into the service of the Continental Congress as a Sergeant in a company commanded by Captain Joseph McCracken in a regiment commanded by the aforesaid named Colonel Goose VanSchaick in the New York line of Troops against the common enemy—that he continued in active service in the line of his duty as a soldier against the common enemy from the month of February in the year last aforesaid until the second day of April in the year one thousand eight hundred seventy nine at which time he this deponent hired a substitute by the name of John Armstrong to serve the remainder of this deponents term of service being about ten months as he this deponent at the time of his second enlistment enlisted for the term of three years.

That the said John Armstrong served out this deponent's term – and this deponent on the said second day of April in the year one thousand seven hundred & seventy nine receiving from the Colonel of the Regiment aforesaid a regular discharge at Fort Stanwix in the then County of Tryon now County of Oneida & State of New York, which said discharge this deponent is now unable to produce as the same is either lost or destroyed. And this deponent farther saith that the fact set forth in the above affidavit & in the annexed affidavit is all the testimony or evidence that he this deponent is able now to furnish of his having served as a regular soldier in the Revolutionary War against the common enemy.

And this deponent farther saith that he is now destitute of the means of a comfortable and decent living—that he is unable to obtain the same by manual labor, that his health is much impaired and that he is extremely indigent and poor. And this deponent further saith that he is now a resident of the town of Providence in the County of Saratoga & State aforesaid and a Citizen of the United States of America and that from his reduced circumstances he needs the assistance of his country for support & farther saith not. (Signed) David Brown

Subscribed and sworn to before me this ninth day of April in the year 1818. Avery Starkweather,
Judge of Common Pleas, Saratoga County.