Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Josiah Brown S2101 Transcribed by Will Graves

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The State of Ohio Medina County: SS

On this ninth Day of April A.D. 1833 personally appeared in open Court before the Honorable Judges of the Court of Common Pleas, now sitting, Josiah Brown a resident of Hinckly [Hinckley] in the County of Medina, and State of Ohio, aged sixty-nine 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 the first time he entered into the service of the United States he went as substitute for his father in the Spring of 1778, the day and month he cannot now remember, that he served as a Private in a Company of New York Militia, commanded by Lieutenant Tucker, that he joined the Company at Salem in the County of Westchester, State of New York where he then resided, that he marched from thence to North Castle, where his company & the other troops there were stationed to guard the lines, that he remained there two weeks, and was then discharged – That he does not remember the name of any other of his officers besides Lieutenant Tucker except Major Hobby – That in the fall of 1779 the month and day he cannot remember, at Peekskill in the State of New York, he enlisted into Captain Feels Company in Colonel Shepards' Regiment, in the Massachusetts' line, for and during the war, that he remained in the service three months and then his father hired a substitute, and he was discharged; that the company to which he belonged remained at Peekskill during the whole period of his service; that he is Regiment belonged to General Glover's Brigade, and that according to the best of his recollection there were no other troops at Peekskill during the time of his service except those belonging to the Brigade, and that he cannot remember the names of any other of his officers except those he has mentioned. That in the month of July 1781 in the State of North Carolina, and according to the best of his recollection in the County of Rowan, he again entered into the service of the United States, for the term of three months, as a private and a substitute for one Daniel Dial, under Major Bowen in Colonel Malmada's [Malmedy] Regiment, he immediately marched into South Carolina, and his Regiment joined General Green's [Nathanael Greene's] Army, (he believes) at Santee Heights [probably a mistaken reference to the High Hills of Santee], the Army then marched to meet Lord Rawdon's Army, which Army they met in the month of September, at Eutaw Springs where a general engagement took place, and that during the battle he was stationed in the front lines, that the battle was a severe one, but that the Americans were victorious, and that he understood they took 500 prisoners, that the enemy decamped during the succeeding night, that Colonel Malmada's Regiment was ordered to guard the prisoners, that he marched with the Regiment, after the battle, to Salisbury in the State of North Carolina, where they arrived safely with the prisoners, that he remained stationed at that place until the period of his enlistment expired, when he was discharged, that during this tour of service he frequently saw General Green, General Marion, Colonel Washington and Colonel Lee of the Cavalry; that he does not remember the names of any of the Continental regiments or companies with which he served that being unacquainted with country in North & South Carolina through which he passed, he cannot recollect the names of the places through which the troops marched except those he has mentioned. That in the month of November or December 1781 near Winchester village in Virginia he again entered into the service as a substitute, for a person whose name he does not recollect, for a term of two months, that the troops among which he served were stationed there to guard Lord Cornwallis' men who were then prisoners of war, that he faithfully served out the full period of his enlistment and was then discharged; that immediately after his discharge, he again entered the service in [indecipherable word] Virginia as a private and as a substitute for another man whose name he does not remember, for a term of two months; he was stationed at first at Winchester and then marched to Fredericktown in Maryland and remained a month in each place guarding Cornwallis's prisoners. He does not recollect the names of any officers under whom he served during the two last tours. The deponent was always honorably discharged. He has no documentary evidence of his service, and no living witnesses to testify in his behalf.

The applicant was born in Salem, Westchester County State of New York, At the age of about 16 he moved to Texas County same state. After the war he returned to Westchester County. In about two years he removed to Coeymans Albany County, same state. In about seven or eight years he removed to [indecipherable word], same County where he continued a year. That he went to Schoharie County where he remained until the autumn of 1826 [? last digit written over and unclear] when he removed to Hinkley [sic], Ohio where he has ever since resided.

There is no clergyman in Hinckley Reverend Daniel M Connat whose attendance cannot the conveniently procured at this term.

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.

Soudh Brown

[Jared Hulbert and Reuben Ingersol gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[fn p. 18: Abigail Warner also gave a supporting affidavit saying that she had heard her father and Josiah Brown talking about their service during the revolution when she lived a neighbor to Brown at Broom in the county of Schoharie County, NY]

[fn p. 20: affidavit dated April 15, 1833 from Daniel M. Connat a Minister of the gospel attesting to the moral character of the veteran.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$34.89 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for 10 months & 14 days service in the service of New York, Massachusetts, North Carolina and Virginia.]