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Brown, Joseph

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6. Sept. 11. 76. 3 in Albany Co. (later called Schoharie Co.) N. Y.
Res. at int. Tromp's Land, on Schoharie River, N. Y.
Res. in 1833, Fulton, Schoharie Co. N. Y.

State of New York

Schoharie County

On this sixth day of June
in the year of our Lord one thousand
Eight hundred and thirty three personally
appeared in open court before the Judges of the
Court of Common Pleas of the County of
Schoharie in the said State of New York Joseph
Brown aged seventy 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 Seventh 1832

That he Entered the Service of the United
States under the following named officers
and served as herein stated -

That in the year of our Lord one
thousand seven hundred and Eighty
(1780) he this deponent resided in a place
called Romans Land, situated on the
Schoharie River about thirty miles south
of the Point where said Schoharie river empties
into the Mohawk river - said place called
Romans Land was then situated in the old
County of Albany in the said State of New-
York, now called and known as the Town
of Fulton in the said County of Schoharie,
in the said State of New York -

That in the month of June in the year -

born 1763

- of our Lord one thousand seven hundred
and Eighty. [1780] (the particular day
in said month of June he this deponent does
not distinctly recollect, but recollects distinctly
that it was in the month of June from the
fact that farmers were then Engaged in
hoing corn, he this deponent was regularly
Enrolled as a militiaman in a company
Commanded by Jacob Hager as
Commandant, and Peter Swart and
Cornelius Feck as first and second
Lieutenants in said company - this
deponent does not now recollect that all
of the officers in said company resided at
that time in the said place called Roman
Land in the said County of Albany -

That Peter Roman was Colonel of the
Regiment to which said company was
attached - That in the said month of
June in the year of our Lord one thousand
seven hundred and Eighty (1780) and
immediately after he this deponent was
regularly Enrolled in said company
as aforesaid, the said company ~~under the~~
~~company~~ under the command of the said
Jacob Hager as commandant were
called out to perform duty and -

- Stationed at the Fort called the "Upper Fort" in Roman Land in the said County of Albany, now County of Schoharie as aforesaid in the defence of the country against the invasions and incursions of Indians and Tories. That said company were stationed at said fort from the said month of June in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and Eighty (1780) untill the first part of the month of June in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and Eighty two (1782) This deponent further declares that he faithfully served as a private soldier in said militia company at said fort from the said month of June in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and Eighty (1780) untill the first part of the month of June in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and Eighty two (1782) That in the first part of the month of June in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and Eighty two (1782) he this deponent while on duty as a private soldier in said company at said Fort was taken Prisoner by a party of -

June '80

June '82

Prisoners

-Indians, and conveyed by them on foot to Niagara in the Canadas and retained by them as a prisoner until the summer of the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and Eighty four as this deponent thinks - this deponent recollects distinctly that he was a prisoner for about the period of two years among the Indians, and then was discharged from such imprisonment and returned home after the war had ceased. This deponent further declares and distinctly sets forth that from the month of June in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and Eighty (1780) until the time he was taken prisoner as aforesaid he faithfully served the Country as a soldier for at least the period of one year and eleven months - this period and duration of service this deponent can positively attest to - and further that after he was taken prisoner as aforesaid he was in the actual custody and detention of the Indians at Niagara for at least the period of one year and nine months, that this period and duration of his imprisonment by and among the Indians he can positively attest to -

this deponent further declares that he is now a resident of the Town of Fulton in the County of Schoharie and State of New York, that he has resided when he now does Ever since the Revolutionary war, that he was born in the County of Albany, now called and known as the County of Schoharie in the State of New York, in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and sixty three (1763). that there is a Record of the age of this deponent on the Records of St Pauls Church in the Town of Schoharie in the County of Schoharie of which Church George A Linton is Pastor - that by said Record it appears that this deponent was born on the twenty first day of September in the year 1763. and that according to said Record this deponent will be seventy years of age in September next - That he has no documentary Evidence of his service above set forth - that he never received a written discharge from service,

that 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 -

Sworn to & subscribed }
the day and year }
aforesaid in open court. }
John Gebhard Jr. Clerk

his
Joseph P. Brown
Mark

Henry Hager

July 31st 1837

John Brown 14741

Samuel Beckey
5468

My

J. P. B. B. B. B. B.
August 2, 1837

City of Washington

The Honorable Benjamin B. Butler

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Recd from the B. J. Butler
Nov 24 - 1837

Crath Blunpim July 31st - 1937

Honourable and worthy Friend I have had it in front
of me for some time past to inform the Hon. the
Secretary of war of two persons in the County of DeKalb
Ga. who are and have been drawing pension for some
years past relative to the Act or Acts of Congress in re-
lance to pension, who in my humble and candid opinion
are not entitled to pension, more than the man would
be who was not in existence in that memorable war,
and being unacquainted with the present Secretary of
war, and having had the pleasure in former years
to form an acquaintance with you, and as I had un-
derstood that you had recently acted in that capacity
of Secretary of war, I therefore take the liberty of
addressing you on the above subject. The persons
to which I have referred is Joseph B. Post Brown
residing in the Town of Dalton in said County
the other is Barrett Becker residing in the Town
of Cnidaburg in said County. Firstly I shall
as briefly as the nature of the case will admit state
the circumstances relative to Brown's case as it has
and does appear to me some years since, I was at
the boat house in our property where a man
by the name of Haider in company with said
Brown came to me, at which time said Haider in-
troduced to me the subject of pension, and with
me to make oath for Brown, I then told him that
I had no recollection that Brown had ever done
any duty in that war, whereupon said Haider
said that Brown had been made a soldier under my
father when the Indians had taken him off, then
spoke to Brown in his own language and put the

Question to him if he had been on duty under my father
when he was thus taken off, whereupon he answered
in the affirmative. I then asked him what the duty had
been that he then had been performing whereupon he
replied that he had drove away three cows. I then asked
him if my father had ordered him to drive the cows, where-
upon he answered in the negative, and said that his
own father had sent him to drive the cows, then I told
said Hader to say, now on the subject, that I could
not for a moment think that he had ever been
entrusted under my father, that he would not have
trusted to such persons as Brown was in such trying
times as we had in that war, I then told Hader that
his own appearance would satisfy any man of mean-
-ment that ^{he} was not a person to be depended upon
in such times as we then had to encounter, ~~and~~
- this I can substantiate by affidavit if necessary by
a person who stood by and heard the conversation. I have
not till very recently been informed how and from
whom an oath had been obtained that Brown had
been on duty when taken off as stated, a respectable
young man and neighbour to Brown and Hader,
informed me, that Hader had told him that he had
got said Barret Pecker to swear for Brown, that he
should have been on duty as stated, when taken
off as mentioned, and that he the said Hader was to
give said Pecker ten bushels of corn for making
the oath, and he said H. had paid said Pecker three
bushels of corn, and further stated that the said H.
was to have 1/2 of the pension of Brown as long as
he lived, and had had it for some time, but Brown
had been advised and would not pay him said H.
any more, whereupon

he the said W. told him the said young man that would
 not pay to said Becker the eight bushels of corn and
 that said Becker had got a certain justice of the peace
 to write him this said W. a line requesting him to
 pay the corn due him the said Becker to prevent
 distress upon said W. told the said young man
 that Becker might sue as quick as he pleased and if he
 did that then he the said W. would have him the
 said Becker indicted for false swearing in said war, there
 were three forts that were maintained, the one was called
 the lower fort the next middle fort and the third the
 upper fort, at which said last mentioned fort my
 the was stationed this I mention to show that
 and Becker were not together in one fort in that war
 as was in said upper fort and said Becker
 in said middle fort. I have only another very much
 if they had any knowledge in that said war
 of one another. the last year of said war, the company
 by which I then belonged was stationed in said
 middle fort, where said Becker was then with
 them, and upon principles of honor I have
 recollection of having seen said Becker on the parade
 or seen him have a firelock in his hand it is
 said that Becker pretends that he was in the battle
 with the Indians at the atrocity in Dullimore
 county, I am well satisfied as I was there and
 have no knowledge of his being there in short
 in my opinion it would be as easy thing to find
 a dead and honest man in Seneca county that
 side here in that war and was his till a
 with Brown or Becker that right of them in
 tated to any pension your Hon. will please present
 this to his Hon. the secretary of war, please write one
 yours very respectfully
 Henry Hager

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