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R. 1353

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State of Illinois  
Vermillion County

On this 25th day of August 1835, personally appeared before the Probate Court in and for said County now sitting, Melchior Brownfield, a resident of Charlestown, Vermillion County Illinois, aged seventy five years, on the 4th day of June 1835, who being first duly sworn, according to law, doth on his Oath make the following declaration, in and to the effect of the provision made by the Act of Congress passed June 9th 1832, that he enlisted in the Army of the United States; in the year, 1780. in the month of May or June, a private with Captain, Thomas Campbell, and Lieutenant Armstrong and Josiah Hays, Commanded the company that said declarant belonged to, and in the said Regiment, Commanded by Colonel, Cyprian of the Pennsylvania Line declarant supposes said declarant was enlisted, in Cumberland County in the State of Pennsylvania, about nine miles from Chambersburg, in the company aforesaid, for the term of nine months he marched from thence to Bedford, there encamped, marched from thence to guard the baggage, waggon, to Hillsborough, returned to guard said baggage, waggon, under the command of Lieutenants, Josiah Hays, to Fort Munn, three stations, then back to Hanoverstown from thence to Hillsborough, three stations, till between Christmas, and New Year, marched from thence to Hanoverstown for the purpose of getting provision and winter quarters, in the neighborhood, saw then we wintered declarant was discharged honorably, by his Captain in the month of April 1781, at Hanoverstown in the said State of Pennsylvania.

declarant further ~~states~~ states his discharge which  
duly testifies that things had been lost said declarant  
was <sup>employed</sup> for the term of nine months as aforesaid in  
the Company that said declarant <sup>served in</sup> was called a  
Company of Rangers and employed as such, when  
they were not in the Garrison &c.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pen-  
sion or annuity, except the present, and he declares  
that his name is not on the pension Roll, of any State  
in any State,

Robert Brownfield

Sworn to and Subscribed, the day and year aforesaid,

A. Williams, Judge of Probate

And the said Court do hereby declare his Opinion that  
the above named Applicant was a Revolutionary sol-  
dier and served as he states and the said Court  
being authorized by law to record its own pro-  
ceedings consequently has no clerk of the probate  
Court. The said Court further certifies that the  
foregoing contains the original proceedings of  
the said Court in the matter of the application  
of Robert Brownfield, for a pension,

In Testimony whereof I have hereunto  
set my hand and Seal of Office the  
28<sup>th</sup> day of August 1835

A. Williams, Judge of Probate



Rev. and 1813  
War Section.

October 27, 1934.

Caroline Duffy,  
308 Illinois Bldg.  
Champaign, Ill.

Madam;

I have to advise you that from the papers in the Revolutionary War pension claim, R. 1353, it appears that Robert Brownfield was born June 4, 1760 and alleged that he enlisted in Cumberland County, Pennsylvania in May or June 1780 and was a ranger under Captain Thomas Campbell and guarded baggage wagons, and served until in April 1781.

He applied for pension August 28, 1835, while a resident of Champaign County, Illinois, but his claim was not allowed, as he did not render actual military service in an embodied corps, as required by the pension laws.

In order to identify another soldier named Brownfield, the first name is essential with as much as pos-

*at by Miss Helen*

October 31, 1957

sible of the following data- approximate dates of birth and death, places of residence at enlistment and after service, given name of widow, also please state in which war he served.

Respectfully,

Commissioner.