

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Lewis Bruch R1440

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STATE OF PENNSYLVANIA.

Be it known, That on the day of the date hereof, before me, JOHN GOODMAN, Notary Public for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, residing in the Northern Liberties, in the County of Philadelphia, by lawful authority duly commissioned and affirmed, and by law authorized to administer Oaths and Affirmation, Personally appeared Catharine Bruch the widow & relict of Lewis Bruch, resident in the North Liberties of Philadelphia, aged upwards of seventy one years, who being duly sworn according to Law, did depose & say, that she was married to Lewis Bruch on the 19<sup>th</sup> day of May AD. 1785, that she frequently heard her husband say, that he came to the United States with the French Troops and that he was at the taking of Lord Cornwallis, with the British Troops under his Command [19 Oct 1781], – that she also heard him say, that General LaFayette came on to America [1777] two year's before he (her dec'd husband) came on with the French Troops, and further saith, that her s'd. Husband died on 14<sup>th</sup> day of July 1826, which was twelve years the 14<sup>th</sup> July last, and since the death of her said husband hath remained, in her widowhood:

The said Deponent furthermore produced to me the said Notary, a sheet of paper containing the family record of the said Lewis Bruch, written in the german language and which on her oath aforesaid this deponent declared to be in the proper hand writing of her (deceased) husband the said L. Bruch, and had been sawn in their family Bible, from which she took it. (From the said Records I made the following Extract, which literally translated is as follows. "The 19<sup>th</sup> May in the year 1785, I entered the marriage State with Catharine Hartman, she was born in 1767." and further this deponent saith not.

Catharine herXmark Bruch

STATE OF PENNSYLVANIA.

Be it known, That on the day of the date hereof, before me, JOHN GOODMAN, Notary Public for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, residing in the Norther Liberties, in the County of Philadelphia, by lawful authority duly commissioned and affirmed, and by law authorized to administer Oaths and Affirmation, Personally appeared Maria Mayer the widow & relict of John Mayer late of the County of Philadelphia dec'd. aged seventy nine years – resident in the North'n. Liberties County aforesaid, who being duly sworn according to Law, did depose & say, that she well knew Ludwig Bruch in his life time, that he came to the United States with the French Troops in the year 1780 – to the best of her recollection, – that the said Ludwig, or Lewis Bruch was a Soldier in the French Army, under the Command of General De Loussan [sic: Duc de Lauzun], that the Regiment to which he belong'd was commanded by Coll. Delong, and that the Company to which he belong'd, was commanded by Capt'n. Miscosky, – that when the French Troops departed for Europe from Wilmington State of Delaware the said Lewis Bruch remained in the U. S. that she is certain that he continued in the French Service, until the troops returned to Europe, that she well knows Catharine the widow & relict of the said Lewis Bruch, that she knew her for two years, before her intermarriage with Lewis Bruch, that her maiden name was Catharine Hartman – that Lewis Bruch had been in the Employ of deponents husband, who also was a Blacksmith by trade, that the said Lewis Bruch having commenced Business for himself was about the same time married as aforesaid, and that he lived with his wife during the remainder of his life, & at his death left several children behind. Deponent further saith, that she was not present at his intermarriage, but was at his funeral, & further saith not.

Maria herXmark Mayer