

Pension Application for Jonas Babcock

S.10352

Declaration of Jonas Babcock in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress of the 7th of June 1832.

State of New York

Otsego County SS

On the ninth day of October 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas of the County of Otsego and State of New York now sitting Jonas Babcock a resident of the Town of Westford in the County of Otsego aforesaid aged sixty eight years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

That he was born in the Town of Johnstown in the County of Windham and State of Connecticut on the seventeenth of May in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and sixty four.

That he was drafted as a militia man about the twentieth day of July 1780 for three months and served during said three months in Capt. Spoor's Company in Col. Brown's regiment of Militia. That he was drafted as aforesaid in the Town of Patridgefield (now Hinsdale) in the County of Berkshire and State of Massachusetts and rendezvoused at Claverack in the State of New York and from thence marched to Fort Plain on the Mohawk River where he stayed and did duty about six weeks.

That from there he marched to Stone Arabia in New York where Col. Brown was killed.

That he was discharged or dismissed a few days afterward his time being expired by Maj Root and returned home to Patridgefield in Massachusetts.

That on about the seventh day of September in the year 1782 he enlisted for three years in Capt Lees Company in Col William Hulls Regiment in the Continental establishment at Patridgefield aforesaid and [?] at Springfield in Massachusetts under Capt. Blemister and marched from thence to VerPlanks point in the State of New York where he joined the Regiment aforesaid about the first of October 1782. That Col Hull was not then present the regiment being then commanded by Capt Job Summer who was then the second Captain Capt Williams then doing the duty of Brigade Major that on joining said Regiment he marched to New Winser [New Windsor?] where he assisted in building huts & wintered.

That in the Spring of 1783 he marched to West point & from thence to Philadelphia where he stayed until the fall of that year.

Next in the fall he returned to Westpoint—and continued there until discharged.

That he was discharged on the 30th day of June 1784 with his discharge was signed by Henry Jackson Brigadier General and Charles Sheldon Adjutant. That he was appointed Sergeant in Captain Hunts Company in the fall of 1783—at the time those who had enlisted for three years were discharged and [?] as [?] Sergeant in Capt Hunts Company till he this deponent was discharged as is herein before stated. That Captain

Hunt succeeded Capt Lee in the fall of 1782 and Col James Mellen succeeded Col Hull in the Command of said Regiment at the same time.

That said discharge was delivered by this deponent with a power of Attorney to receive his arranges of pay to consequent who has never returned the same.

That the same is lost as this deponent supposes. That he has no documentary evidence of his aforesaid service.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and he declares that his name is not on any pension Roll of any agency in any state.

That this deponent removed from Partridgefield to the now Town of Cherry Valley New York in the County of Otsego, thirty seven years ago last February & has resided there ever since and now resides there. (Signed) Jonas Babcock

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid. Horace Lathrop, Clerk

Letter in folder dated January 31, 1933, written in response to an inquiry.

As a means of aiding you further in your research, the Revolutionary War record of Jonas Babcock is furnished you herewith, as the name of his father is stated.

The data given below are obtained from the papers on file in pension claim, S.10352, based upon the military service of Jonas Babcock in the Revolutionary War.

Jonas Babcock, son of Isaiah Babcock, was born May 14, 1764 in Voluntown, Windham County, Connecticut. He lived with his father in Partridgefield (later Peru and Hinsdale), Berkshire County, Massachusetts, at the time he entered the service; the name of his mother is not given.

He enlisted July 20, 1780, and served three months as private in Captain Spoor's Company, Colonel John Brown's Massachusetts Regiment, during which period of service he was in the battle of Stone Arabia in which Colonel Brown was killed. He enlisted September 4, 1782, served as private in Captain Lee's Company, and as corporal and sergeant in Captain Thomas Hunt's Company, Colonels James Mellen and William Hull's Massachusetts Regiment and was discharged June 30, 1784, from Colonel Henry Jackson's American Regiment.

The soldier moved from Partridgefield Massachusetts, about February 1805 to Cherry Valley (later Westford), Otsego County, New York.

He was allowed pension on his application executed October 9, 1832, while a resident of Westford, New York.

At the time Jonas Babcock made application for pension, his brother, Samuel Babcock, was a resident of Middlefield, Otsego County, New York. He stated then that he was born December 3, 1761, and that he was born December 3, 1761, and that he accompanied his brother, Jonas, from home in Partridgefield, Massachusetts, when he served in the Revolutionary War. Said Samuel was then a pensioner of the United States, having served in the Revolutionary War also. Sylvina, wife of Samuel Babcock, whose maiden name was Kinne, was living in Middlefield, New York with her husband in 1832.

It is not stated that the soldier, Jonas Babcock, was married.