

Pension Application for Jacob Bamber

W.6100 (Widow: Ann) Jacob died January 12, 1825.

Continental, Navy, New York

State of New Jersey

Bergen County SS.

On this twenty eighth day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighteen, before me the subscriber one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in and for the County of Bergen in the State of New Jersey personally appears, Jacob Bamber aged sixty years, ten months and thirteen days, resident in Franklin Township in the County and State aforesaid, who being by me first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath, make the following declaration, in order to obtain the provision made by the late act of Congress, entitled "An act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land & naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War."

That he the said Jacob Bamber was a quarter master of the Long Island Militia—a Regiment or detachment commanded by Col. Remsen, which was out in the whole of the month of August seventeen hundred & seventy six; that he the said Jacob Bamber was on the lines at or near Flatbush, Long Island when the enemy landed at the Narrows & marched to said Flatbush—was with Major General Green, and shewed him the Heights—continued on the Island until His Excellency General Washington evacuated it—in several skirmishes came to the Jerseys, continued in his country's services as a volunteer—

That early in the year seventeen hundred and seventy seven he got a Lieutenancy in the Second Regiment of York Troops commanded by Col. Philip VanCourtland in Captain Benjamin Petton's Company & that he enlisted a considerable part of that company—was better than nine months in service from appointment—Second appointment was in the Fourth Regiment of Light Dragoons, commanded by Col. Stephen Moylin in the year A.D. 1778 as a cornet of the six troops commanded by Nicholas R. Moore—likewise quarter master of said Regt of Dragoons Lieut Col. Walton white the principal part of the time with the Regm't continued insaid Regmt till the year A.D. 1779—making in the whole about 10 months—

In the year 1781 entered in the navy of the United States as a midshipman in the Ship Trumbull, commanded by Commodore Nicholson—sailed from Philadelphia, off the cape of Philadelphia fell in with the Iris, Capt. Dorcen & other armed British ships, when an action ensued which he thinks lasted an hour or more, in which the American Ship was so disabled as to be compelled to strike & brought to New York, that he the said Jacob Bamber was brought on Board of a prison ship called the Jersey—one Graham was master of her—she lay in a place called the Wallabough, on the Long Island side where he was an eyewitness to numbers dying from the cruel treatment they received. That he was near three months on board of her, & in that time suffered every thing human flesh could bear, exclusive of death—

After Cornwallis was taken, the said Jacob Bamber was paroled on Long Island about two months at his Father's expence—that he then got a parole with other officers of the Navy to go to Philadelphia to effect an exchange—which was accordingly done—that he was not discharged from service, was always ready at a moment's call to serve his country, and still is notwithstanding his age— That he is now in reduced circumstances and stands in need of the assistance of his country for support & and that he has no other evidence now in his power of his said services. (Signed) Jacob Bamber

Sworn to and Declares before me the day and year aforesaid. Adam Boyd