

Pension Application for Jacob Bond

S.12273

State of New York

Steuben County SS.

On this 16th day of October in the year 1832 personally appeared in open court before the Court of Common Pleas now sitting at Bath in and for the said County of Steuben, Jacob Bond a resident of the town of Howard in the County and State aforesaid aged eighty seven years but has no record of his age, 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 7, 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated.

That he first entered the militia service in June in the year 1775 at Newton on Long Island in the State of New York under Capt. Furman – don't remember the names of the other company officers—not attached to any Regiment but was employed in the protection of the inhabitants of the Island from the incursions of the enemy.

The British ships the Asia and Phoenix men of war, land off the Hook during the summer. Some of them occasionally came on shore in barges and were frequently drove back discharged at Brooklyn, new New York in September same year having served three months—no written discharge was given. Don't remember whether there were any Continental troops stationed on the Island.

That in the fall of 1775 or spring of 1776 but which he does not recollect, he served one months on Long Island under the following circumstances then residing at Newtown on said island. One Col. Hewitt a British Tory collected a large number of disaffected people commenced building a fortification on the island Col. Hayward, Heard, Harrid or Hurd, but the name was pronounced as Haird, from which he supposes it was Hayword and as he supposes of the regular army was sent from New Jersey with a regiment to disperse Col. Hewlett and the other tories assembled and which fact he remembers from the following (part of a song) made on that occasion by the tories.

Col. Haird has come to town in all of his pride & glory and if he dies he'll go to [?] for robbing of the tories.

This declarant volunteered into said regiment on this occasion and performed one months service.

That he entered the service of the United States again on or about the last of May or first of June 1776 at Newtown on Long Island then residing at the same place and enlisted under Capt. Coe, for six months at Newtown aforesaid – thinks his Lieutenants name was Furman—don't remember the names of any other officers—was in the battle on Long Island of that rear. [???] in the battle and was dismissed at new Redford early in December 1776, but did not receive a written discharge.

That he entered again into the service of the United States at Norwalk in Connecticut, but resided at Newtown on Long Island, in July or August in the year 1777, as a volunteer under Major Fitch who had the command of some whole boats to guard the sound from the predatory excursions of the enemy from Long Island, took several boats as they crossed over from Long Island and thinks and believes he continued in that service about a rear, and has dismissed, without writing at Norwalk aforesaid in July or August 1778.

That he again entered the service of the United States the year Danbury was burnt and shortly before that event as a drafted militia man at Fairfield in Connecticut where he then resided, but he cannot designate the time in any other manner under Captain Couch—Don't remember the names of any other officers, land served one month—was discharged at Fairfield skirmished with the enemy from the time they landed until the[y] burnt Danbury. Does not recollect that any other troops than the militia were engaged—Did not receive a written discharge.

That he has no documentary evidence and that he knows of no pension whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his services.

This declarant was born at Rockaway on Long Island on the 27th day of December in the year 1745.

He has no record of his age.

Was living at Newtown on Long Island when called into the service after the war he moved to Norwalk in Connecticut and staid there & then about 3 years has lived since in Massachusetts and in the State of New York but cannot state the times.

He states the names William Allen and Lyman Baret as persons to whom he is known in his present neighborhood who can testify as to his character for veracity and their belief of his services as a soldier of the Revolution.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on any pension roll of the agency of any state. (Signed with his mark) Jacob Bond

Sworn to & subscribed the day and year aforesaid. M. L. Rumsey Dep Clk, Steuben County