

Pension Application for Isaac Causten

S.8183

State of Maryland

Baltimore County – to wit.

On this 31st day of December one thousand eight hundred and thirty tow, before the Orphan's Court of Baltimore County being a Court of Record, personally appeared, Isaac Causten a resident of the City of Baltimore, in Baltimore County State of Maryland aged seventy four years or thereabouts who being duly sworn according to Law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Provision made by the Act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

That he enlisted in the Army of the United States early in the month of June one thousand seven hundred and seventy six in a company of Infantry commanded by Captain Abail, in Colonel Lasher's Regiment in the New York Line, that he deponent was with said Regiment on Long Island in the State of New York in the summer of said year and while there was several times engaged with the enemy, that he was in the retreat of the American Army from said Island to the City of New York, and also in the evacuation of said City, that on the occasion—last mentioned deponent was on the main-guard and not called off until too late to make a retreat, and was in consequence made prisoner by the British, that he was kept in close confinement for more than four months during which time he suffered every privations that cruelty and inhumanity could suggest, at the expiration of which time he was released from close confinement by the interposition of the Mayor of the City (who was well acquainted with his Father) but still detained in New York as a prisoner, and so continued until the spring of one thousand seven hundred and seventy seven whom he availed himself of the first opportunity that presented itself to make his escape from New York by crossing the North River in a small point boat, and immediately joined the American Army at Fishkills in the State of New York, that it was found, that the Regiment to which deponent belonged was cut up by killed, wounded and Prisoners, and he was thereupon transferred to Major Rendick's Company of Artificers in which he served for six months, and was then transferred to a company of Artificers under the command of Major James Byas at Philadelphia in which he served eight months, that in the month of June one thousand seven hundred and seventy eight, by order of the Board of War, deponent was detailed and appointed an officers with the rank, pay and rations of Captain to taken charge of and conduct conduct [sic] Military stores from the Commissary General's Department to the various branches of the army, and in said capacity under Command of Colonel Hodgson he was constantly and actively employed until some time after the surrender of the British Army under Lord Cornwallis in York Town Virginia, where the Commissary General's department was transferred to the QuarterMaster Generals Department, which left deponent out of active service and without further inducement to serve longer, the war being by that event virtually closed; that in the capacities before he served (and was in constant duty) in the American Army from early in June—one thousand seven hundred and seventy six to the close of November one thousand seven hundred and eighty two, being a period of Continued Service of upwards of six years, of which period he served in the line of the Army more than two years and as conductor of Military Stores upwards of sour years.

And he the said deponent hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity except the present and he declares that his name is not on the Pension Roll of any Agency in any State.
(Signed with his mark) Isaac Causten

Sworn to and subscribed on the day and year aforesaid. Sworn to in open court. Henry Heyson, Benjn C. Sudgate.

Letter in folders dated Oct 3, 1923, written in response to an inquiry.

I have to advise you that from the papers in the pension claim, S.8183, it appears that Isaac Causten was born on 1758 in New York City and while living there he enlisted in June 1776 served in Capt. Abeel's Company Col. Lasher's N.Y. regiment, was in engagements on Long Island and captured in

the retreat from New York City, escaped in the spring of 1777 and joined Major Readick's Company of Artificers and after serving six months was transferred to Major James Byas' Company of Artificers and served eight months. In June 1778 he was appointed conductor of military stores in the Commissary General's department and so served until November 1783.

He was allowed pension on his application executed December 31, 1832, while living in Baltimore, Md., and he died there May 10, 1833.

He married the widow Jane Kinnicut date not stated, and he had a son James H. There is no further data on file as to family.