

Pension Application for Jacob Covell

R.2376 (Widow: Electa)
State of New York
Chenango County SS.

On this ninth day of October AD 1832 personally appeared in open court before the Court of Common Pleas of said County, now sitting. Present. Jno Tracey, Nathan Taylor, Levi Bigelow, Charles York, Hezekiah Reed, Judges.

Jacob Covell a resident of Plymouth Chenango County New York, aged seventy years and upwards 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 7th 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated.

That in the year 1776, on the 10th June at Wiloomsac [might this be Walloomsac?] N. York he was enrolled into a Company of New York State Troops under the command of Capt. Hodge of Wiloomsac and Lieutenant Abbott, John VanRenseelaer was Colonel of the Regiment. Adjutant Jacob Folleck Adjutant under General Schuyler about a fortnight after he was enrolled he marched with his company to Fort Edward where he lay stationed with his regiment, three months.

In going from Wiloomsac he went to the North River up the River to Fort Miller and from there to Fort Edward—while at Fort Edward a company of about 200 marched out to Jessup Patent about 18 miles distant where they [top of this page seems to be missing] at the time he was—served with him during the whole trip and was discharged with him.

In the next year 1777, he volunteered at Wiloomsac about the first of May as near as he can remember—for six months in a company of New York troops under the command of Captain Brown of Tomhennick & Lieutenant Abbott. Coln VanWert was Colonel of the Regiment and Jacob Folleck Adjutant—under General Schuyler—a short time after his volunteering he joined his company and marched to Fort Miller—stayed about a week and then marched again to Fort Edward.

This deponent's memory does not serve him to enable him to state the dates at which events happened during his service or the order in which they occurred—but he does recollect perfectly that he was in the Battle of Bennington and afterwards in the Battle of Saratoga. The British were commanded at Bennington he thinks by Baum and the Americans by General Stark.

He recollects that after the Battle of Saratoga and not long after the surrender of Burgoyne, he was discharged at Saratoga by major Groesbeck – he received a written discharge. Asa Stait: Samuel Sudam and brother & Chris Statrt was orderly Sergeant – they all entered with him—served with him and were discharged with him.

In the year 1778 at Wiloomsac about the 1st June he volunteered in a company of the New York Troops, commanded by Captain Hodge & Lieutenant Abbott—Col. VanWert (he thinks) was Colonel—Schuyler was their General soon after they volunteered, he marched with his company to Fort Edward remained there till sometime in the summer, when a part of 200 was raised and detached under a major whose name he can't recollect to go to a place called Palmertown now called (he thinks) Northumberland to protect the inhabitants and keep a look out for the enemy. They remained at Palmertown till sometime in October (he thinks), when they returned to Fort Edward where they continued until he was discharge about the first of November by the Captain no written discharge this time—Asa Start—Saml Sudam

were out this year also with him and also Saml Gilbert—after his discharge he returned home to his fathers at Wiloomsac.

In the next year 1779, in June at Wiloomsac aforesaid he volunteered on the New York Troops in a company under as he thinks Capt. Brown.—Don't recollect who was Colonel. Thinks Jacob Folleck was Adjutant—Schuyler was General—He marched again with his company to Fort Edward where they stayed till about the first day of October when they were dismissed at Fort Edward and went home to Wiloomsac.

While at Fort Edward a company of Continental Soldiers was there a short time and marched off to Ford George. There were five companies at Fort Edward at this time he was there. Had no written discharge.

In the next year 1780 at Wiloomsac he volunteered (in July he thinks but is not positive as to the time in the New York Troops – in a company commanded by Capt. Brown & Lieut Abbot. Col. VanRensselaer and Schuyler the General. They marched after he volunteered to Fort Miller where they lay a few weeks and then started for Fort Edward but were ordered back before they reached it to Fort Miller where they were dismissed in September towards the last of the month by the Captain.

In Answer to the interrogatories prescribed by the War Department to be put to applicant for Pension by the court he states:

1st he was born in Dover, Dutchess County NY on the 2nd day of August 1762.

2nd he has no record of his age—He hand one in his Family Bible which was burnt at the time his house was burnt in Cambridge Washington County, NY.

3rd he lived at Wiloomsac each time he entered the service—since the Revolutionary War he has lived in Wiloomsac—in Shoreham (Vt) in Allegany County N.Y. and for the last two years in Plymouth Chenango County his present residence.

4th He was enrolled (as 'twas termed) the first time and every other time he volunteered as above stated.

5th He knew General Benedict Arnold & General gates at Saratoga. He also knew General Stark & General Schuyler. He cannot this question more fully than it is already answered in the body of his declaration.

6th he received discharges as stated, but they were burned at the time his house was burned at Cambridge, when all his papers were lost and destroyed and every thing he had burned up.

7th he gives the name of the Rev. Luther Clark [blot] Holmes, David Evans, Zadock Adams, [blot] Aldrich of Plymouth as men living in his present neighborhood to whom he is known and who can testify to his character for veracity and to their belief of his services as a soldier of the Revolution.

He has no documentary evidence of his services and knows of no person whose testimony he can procure to testify to his services.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity – except the present and declares that his name is not on the Pension Roll of the agency of any State. (Signed) Jacob Covell

Sworn to & subscribed the day and year aforesaid. P. B. Prindle, Dep. Clerk