

Pension Application for Miles Foreman

S.23638

State of New York

Tompkins SS.

On this third day of December in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty two personally appeared in open court before the honorable Robert Monell Judge of the Sixth Circuit of the State of New York at a Court of Oyer and Terminer at Ithaca in said County now sitting Miles Forman a resident of the Town of Newfield in the County of Tompkins and State of New York aged seventy years, 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. To wit:

In the Regiment command[ed] by Colonel Albert Paulding in Captain Richard Sackett's Company of which Isaac Requaw was first Lieutenant, William Mosher 2nd Lieutenant and Robert Bruce Sergeant as the Regiment was scarcely ever—together he does not recollect the names of the field officers.

That he enlisted into said service on or about the fourth day of May in the year seventeen hundred and eighty in the company commanded by the above named officers.

That it was a company of Levies raised for the defence of the frontiers of New York. That he remained in said company during the time for which he enlisted being eight months.

That after this term of eight months he volunteered under Colonel Thomas Thomas of Harrison in Westchester County in the Company of Captain David Hobbie of which Nathaniel Tucker was a Lieutenant, that he was detached during this time as a guide to the portions of the army who were unacquainted with the country that he continued in the service as such volunteer during the term of three months.

That at the termination of said three months he again enlisted on the 27th day of April 1781 in Colonel Albert Paulding's Regiment for the Term of nine months in the same company of Levies in which he formerly enlisted that the same was commanded by Capt. Richard Sackett of which William Mosher was first Lieutenant and James Sackett was second Lieutenant that during this term of nine months while on a scouting party on the lines composed of a part of this company the Captain R. Sackett Lieutenant James Sackett and Ensign Samuel Banks were taken prisoners by a party of British Refugee Light Horse commanded by Colonel Holmes and Captain Kipp at Harrison's Purchase in Westchester County within about twenty miles of the British Lines on York Island.

That he remained in the service during the Term of nine months. That after being discharged he again volunteered in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Thomas Thomas and was stationed on the lines and acted principally as a guide to the army by the direction and at the advice of Colonel Thomas—and that he continued in the service of said Thomas' Regiment until the close of [the] War.

That the whole time during which he was in service was about three years. That at the time he enlisted at each of the several times above mentioned he was a resident of the Town of Bedford in the County of Westchester in the State of New York. He was born in Bedford on the 25th of September in the year 1762.

He removed from Westchester County in the year 1794 to the old Town of Tioga now Nichols in Tioga County in the state of New York where he continued to reside until the year 1827 at which time he removed to his present place of residence in Newfield in Tompkins County.

He was engaged in the burning of the British Huts in Morrisania and at the skirmishes near Kings Bridge in Westchester between the British Army and the American Troops in 1781 that LaFayette was present with a portion of the French Troops.

That he was in a skirmish in which Adjutant Thomas and nine or ten were taken by the British at Saw Pits in Westchester County. The Regiment was stationed on the lines in Westchester County for the protection of the frontiers and were never marched out of the county. The regiment was a part of the New York Line.

He recollects the names of the following regular officers Colonel Sheldon, Major Tallmadge, Captain Hoogland the Cavalry Lieutenant King and a Regiment of Southern Horse commanded by Colonel [blot] Niland Captain J. Husel, Captain Manifold and Lieutenant Gill. He has had documentary evidence of many of the facts above stated but is deprived of the same in consequence of the burning of his house in Bedford in Westchester County in the year 1794 at which time all his papers were destroyed & that he has no living witness but James Sacket's testimony annexed.

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

And this declarant further states that no clergyman resides in that part of the town in which he resides & that he knows of no clergyman who is sufficiently acquainted to certify for him. (Signed) Miles Foreman

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid. Saml. Soree, clk

Letter in folder dated February 28, 1932, written in response to an inquiry.

Reference is made to your letter relative to one Miles Foreman, a soldier of the Revolutionary War.

The data contained herein are obtained from the papers on file in the Revolutionary War claim for pension, S.23638, based upon his military service in that war.

Miles Foreman or Forman was born September 25, 1762 in Bedford, Westchester County, New York.

While a resident of Bedford, New York, he enlisted and served as a mounted guide with the rank of lieutenant, with the New York Troops as follows:

From May 4, 1780, eight months in Captain Richard Sackett's Company, Colonel Albert Pawling's Regiment.

He re-enlisted immediately, served three months in Captain Hobby's company, Colonel Thomas Thomas' Regiment and helped to burn the British huts at Morrisania.'

From April 27, 1781, nine months in Captain Richard Sackett's Company, Colonel Albert Pawling's Regiment and was in the skirmishes at King's Bridge and Saw Pitts.

He re-enlisted immediately and served until the close of the war in Colonel Thomas Thomas' Regiment.

Soldier moved from Westchester County, New York, in 1794 to Tioga (later Nichols), Tioga County, New York, from there in 1827 to Newfield, Tompkins County, New York and while residing in said Newfield he was allowed pension on his application executed December 3, 1832.

There are no family data.