

Pension Application for Gilbert Forgason

S.6851

State of New York

Herkimer County SS.

On this twelfth day of February in the year 1838 personally appeared in open court before the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas of the said County of Herkimer the same being a Court of record having by Law a seal and Clerk now sitting at the Term of February of said Court in the year aforesaid Gilbert Forgason a resident of the Town of West Brunswick in the said County and State 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 7, 1832.

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

In the year 1778 he resided in the Town of Beekman in the County of Dutchess in said State and in the month of July he believes but does not remember, the day of the month in the year 1778 he enlisted as a volunteer at Beekman aforesaid into the company commanded by Capt. Isaac Veille in Col. Birdsall's Regiment in the State service for one month and he was marched under the command of Capt. Veille to Fishkill near the North River and after remaining at Fishkill a short time he was marched from thence to West Point and stationed there and he was employed in repairing the breastworks of the Fort and in building redoubts on the hill a little back of the fort for the defence of the Fort and that he served under the command of Capt. Vale and was employed as above stated one month and was then discharged in August 1778.

He has no certificate of discharge and does not recollect that he received one.

He served under the following named officers VIZ:

Capt. Veille, Lieut. Wolcott, Col. Birdsall. He does not remember the names of the major of the regiment or the other officers.

In the month of April but he does not remember the day of the month in the year 1779 he enlisted as a volunteer at Beekman aforesaid where he then resided into Capt. Faulkendar's [sic] Company in Col. Paulding's Regiment in the State Service for nine months and he rendezvoused at Fishkill and he was marched from thence under the command of Capt. Faulkendar to Esopus on the North River and from thence to the frontiers at a place called Warsink and he was stationed at Warsink on guard for the protection of the inhabitants until sometime after harvest and he thinks the latter part of July and helped the inhabitants gather their wheat and from thence he was marched to Marbletown as it was called on the route to Susquehannah river and from thence to a place which had been burnt by the enemy called Sheendakin and from thence to a place called Perfacton on a small creek and from thence to a place called the forks of Dillaway and from thence he continued his march to the Susquehannah river at a place he does not remember and he was marched on this expedition in Col. Paulding's Regiment to the Susquehannah river to join the Army under the command

of Gen. Sullivan but on the arrival of Col. Paulding's Regiment at the river it was said that Gen. Sullivan had passed down the river about four days before and after remaining near the river a day or two he was marched back with Col. Paulding's regiment to Perfacton and from thence to a small Fort called Lackawack and staid there a few days and from thence he was marched with the Regiment to Warsink and was stationed with Col. Paulding's regiment at Warsink two or three weeks on guard and from thence he was marched to the North river and crossed near New Winsor as he thinks and passed down to Fishkill and after laying there several days he was then marched to Stony Point and was stationed there until he was discharged about January 1780 and that he served nine months and he thinks he received a certificate of Discharge from [blank] but the same has been lost or destroyed.

He served during the said nine months service under the following named officers viz: Capt. Faulkener, Lieut Col. Paulding, Adjutant Ellsworth, Maj: BenScotter—He knew Capt Wood & Capt Hunter in the same regiment.

In the month of July about the time cherries began to grow ripe in the year 1780 he enlisted at Beekman aforesaid as a volunteer on an alarm into Capt. West's company in Col. Birdsall's Regiment in the State Service and was marched to Fishkill & from there to a place on the North River opposite West Point and was stationed at said place on the North River for eight days on guard & was then discharged but he received no discharge in writing—The officer under whom he served said eight days were Capt. West Lieut [bland] Maj: Clark and he thinks Col. Birdsall but is not certain—

In the month of July but he does not remember the day in the year 1781 he enlisted as a volunteer at Beekman aforesaid where he then resided and rendezvoused at Fishkill in Capt. Thompson's Company in Col. Wisenvelt's Regiment in the state service for four months and he was marched in Capt. Thompson's Company to Fishkill and from Orangetown near the North River and was stationed at Orangetown aforesaid under Capt. Thompson to guard the Lines and he was frequently sent out in scouting parties and he served at Orangetown aforesaid until the time for which he enlisted had expired and he was discharged sometime as he believes in the forepart of November 1781 and he served four months as above stated under Capt. Thompson.

He received no discharge in writing—The officers under whom he served were Capt. Thompson, Lieut. Myers, Col. Wisenvelt was the officer under whom he was mustered but he did not command in person at Orangetown there being only Capt. Thompson's Company posted there at this time.

1. He the said Gilbert Forgason further states that he was born at Bethlehem in the County of Dutchess in the State of New York either on the twenty fourth or the twenty eighth day of February 1762 and that he has no record of his age. There was a record of his age made by his father and the same was kept by his brother Francis Forgaton who resides in the western part of the State of New York but the does not know the place.—
2. When he was called into the service he was living at Beekman in Dutchess County in the State of New York—

3. He does not remember that there were any regular officers with the troops where he served. And he the said Gilbert Forgason further states that he is known to the following named persons who reside in his present neighborhood viz: David Thorp, John D. Humstreet, Abraham Forgason and Ephraim Ash a clergyman and that they can testify as to his character for truth and veracity and their belief of his services as a soldier of the Revolution.—

And he the said Gilbert Forgason further states that he knows of no person living whose testimony he can procure & prove his Revolutionary services except that Abraham Forgason a brother to him knows he the said Gilbert Forgason was gone into the service in the Revolution and that his affidavit of the same is hereunto annexed.—

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) Gilbert Forgason

Sworn to and subscribed this 12th day of February 1833 in open court. Julius C. Wilson Clerk

Letter in folder dated June 25, 1925, written in response to an inquiry.

I have to advise you that from the papers in the Revolutionary War pension claim S.6851 it appears that Gilbert Forgason was born February 24 or 28, 1762 in Bethlehem, Dutchess County, New York.

While a resident of Beekman, Dutchess County, New York he enlisted in July 1778 and served on month as a private in Captain Israel Vail's Company, Colonel Birdsall's New York Regiment.

He enlisted in April 1779 and served nine months as a private in Captain Faulkner's Company, Colonel Pawling's New York Regiment.

He enlisted in July 1780 and served eight days in Captain West's Company, Colonel Birdsall's New York Regiment.

He enlisted in July 1781 and served four months as a private in Captain Thompson's company, Colonel Weissenfels' New York Regiment.

He was allowed pension on his application executed February 12, 1833 while a resident of West Brunswick, Herkimer County, New York.

It is not stated whether he was ever married.