

Pension Application for Levi Francisco

S.10706

State of New York

Ontario County SS

On this twenty seventh day of August in the year eighteen hundred and thirty two personally appeared in open court before the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas of the said County now sitting Levi Francisco a resident of the Town of Gorham in the said County, aged seventy five 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 provisions 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 fall of the year 1776 but in what month he cannot distinctly recollects the company of militia to which he belonged was ordered into actual service and the deponent with the said company marched from Pittstown in the County of Rensselaer and State of New York then called Schaghticoke District—to Fort Edward on the Hudson River.

The said company on the said expectation was commanded by Captain Henry Vanderhoof—Lieut. Ford and Ensign Hallenback, and was attached to Col. John Knickerbocker's Regiment of which Daniel Bradt was Lieut Col. and Derick VanVechten was Major. The said company and regiment were engaged on the said expedition, three or four weeks before they returned and with deponent were dismissed.

Deponent further saith soon after such return he was with the said company and Regiment again called into actual service and marched under the command of the same officers up the Hudson River and into the vicinity of the same place, as on the former expedition, and on such expedition was in actual service at least one month when he was again dismissed.

In the month of May or June according to the best of his recollection, the said company of militia to which deponent belonged as a aforesaid was again called into actual service, and deponent marched under the command of the same officer as before and into the same regiment to Lake George in the State of New York at which place they joined a part of the army under Gen. Schuyler then retreating from Ticonderoga. After serving with the army subsequent to having joined it about two months, one half of the regiment to which he was attached as aforesaid were dismissed and returned home to secure to harvest then ripe—and deponent was one of those so dismissed.

In the autumn of the year 1778 the said deponent in the same company under the same officers, but in a regiment of Militia then commanded, according to his recollection by Col. Peter Yates and Maj. John Groesbeck was again called into actual service at Saratoga aforesaid and was occupied in the said expedition one month or more.

In the autumn of the following year (1779) the said deponent was again called into actual service in a company of Militia then under Capt. Woolsey and Ensign VanDerCook and marched to Fort Edward at which place and at Saratoga deponent was in service as a soldier two months—and was then dismissed.

Early in the summer of the year 1780 deponent again marched, under the command of Ensign VanDerCook in Col. Yate's Regiment to Fort William Henry at the head of Lake George. Part of the troops crossed the Lake and part returned and were discharged. Among the latter was the deponent having been engaged on said expedition at the time he was so discharged more than one month.

The said deponent further saith that on several different times and on various occasions during the war of the revolution sudden alarms occurred and the company to which he belonged, uniformly turned out—or were called out to repel the enemy and deponent saith that on every such occasion the marched with his said company and discharged his duty as a soldier as faithfully as was in his power—that he was repeatedly in actual service on occasions not above particularly specified, from one day to two weeks at a time—all the particulars of which it is impossible for him now to state.

The said deponent further saith.

1st That he was born at Horseneck in the State of New Jersey on the 12th day of March 1757.

2nd That he has no other record of his age than a memorandum thereof in writing made by his parents.

3rd That he lived at Pittstown then called Schaghticoke District when called into service where he continued to reside many years after the war, and from whence he removed to the town of Gorham in the County of Ontario aforesaid where he now resides.

4th That he volunteered to serve as a soldier in the Militia whenever called upon during the war of the revolution.

5th That he recollects Gen. Schuyler as in command of the Army at Fort George in the year 1777 and Gov. George Clinton at the head of Lake George as eh believes in the year 1780, and also the other officer herein before named.

6th That he never received any written discharge from the service.

7th That John Francisco of Gorham aforesaid, Cornelia Francisco of Frankfort in the County of Herkimer and Michael Francisco of Middlesex in the County of Yates, in the State of New York are persons who are not living and who can testify as he believes of their personal knowledge to his said services or of some part thereof.

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) Levi Francisco.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid in open court.

Letter in the folder dated January 30, 1935, written in response to an inquiry.

Reference is made to your letter in which you request the Revolutionary War record of Levi Francisco.

The data which follow are obtained from the papers on file in the pension claim, S.10706, based upon the military service of Levi Francisco, during the War of the Revolution. This is the record of the only Levi Francisco that is found on file in the Revolutionary War records of this office.

Levi Francisco was born March 12, 1757 in Horseneck, New Jersey, names of his parents not given.

While residing in Pittstown, Rensselaer County, then called Schaghticoke District, New York, her served from the fall of 1776 as private at various times in the New York troops, under Captains Henry VanderHoof, Wiltse, Colonels John Knickbocker and Peter Yates, marched to Fort Edward and lake George, length of all his service ten months.

He was allowed pension on his application executed, August 27, 1832, ten a resident of Gorham, Ontario County, New York.

It is not stated that he was ever married.

Reference was made in 1832 to John Francisco of Gorham, New York, brother of the soldier, Levi Francisco; reference was also made at the same time to the following, whose relationship to the soldier is not given: Cornelius Francisco of Frankfort, Herkimer County, New York; Michael Francisco of Middlesex, Yates County, New York; and Michael A. Francisco of Gorham, New York.