

Pension Application for Joseph Gibbs

A.22264

State of Pennsylvania

Bradford County SS.

On the tenth day of September AD 1833, personally appeared in open Court before the Honorable Edward Herrick President and his associates, Judges of the Court of Common Pleas of said County now sitting Joseph Gibbs a resident of the Township of Windham in the County of Bradford in the State of Pennsylvania aged about seventy one 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 and served as hereinafter stated.

He was born the 6th of April 1762 in Andover in the State of Connecticut and when he was about eleven years old his father's family (embracing this declarant) moved to Wilmington Vermont, where he resided about five years from there your declarant moved into Cambridge Washington County N. York when your declarant resided until he at the age of 19 years enlisted for nine months in the service of the United States about the last of March or the first of April 1781.

He enlisted under Capt. Welps whose company was then stationed at Saratoga Capt. Welps was a muster master, his given name is not recollected nor does he recollect What Regiment, Capt. Welp's company was attached to. Declarant remained at Saratoga about five weeks during which time there was a man hung there who had been condemned as a spy.

From Saraotga the nine months men, who had no land to defend in that vicinity, were ordered to join Genl. Washington's Army then in New Jersey, declarant with fifty other of the nine months men left Saratoga and went to the Fishkill twenty five of whom were sent to West Point and twenty five with your declarant were put under the command of a Lieutenant or an ensign of the regular service (name not now recollected) & taken to the Pumpton huts in Jersey, Genl Washington was there from from [sic] the Huts at Pumpton, after declarant had joined the army it marched to what was called Pupmpton Plains, from the plains the army marched to Verplank Point—

While at the latter place the nine months men were engaged in cutting & boating wood to West Point for the use of the troops to next winter—they continued in this business until about five or six weeks before their term of service expired when the nine months men were sent to NewBurg where they were engaged in cutting wood for the hospital until they were discharged.

Your declarant received a written discharge at that time and afterwards let a man by the name of David Ayers have the discharge to take to John Williams to enable him to draw my monthly wages which had not then been paid since that time he has not seen or heard anything of his discharge he supposes it is lost—As your declarant does not now recollect or know in what Regiment his name may be found he deems it

proper to state that after delivering the fifty nine months men to the regular officers at before mention at Fishkill, Capt. Welps, as your declarant was informed, returned to Saratoga and was broke of his commission.

He was in no battles—From NewBurg he returned home to Cambridge—from thence he moved to Whitehall & from thence to Lake George from there to Greenwich when he resided until he moved to Windham Bradford County Pa.

Six year ago last November where he now resides. As he has no record to refresh his memory by he cannot state positively the days of the month that he entered and left the service but he believes the days mentioned to not be far if any from the true time that in consequence of you declarants with others agreeing to cut a cord and a half of wood a day, and complying with that agreement he received a ration and a half a day and received his discharge about ten days before it would otherwise have expired and that he got home somewhere about Christmas & New Year seventeen hundred and eighty one making the time of his service nine months.

He has no documentary evidence nor does he know of any person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service and that no Clergiman [Clergyman] resides in the Township where this declarant now resides & is compelled there fore to offer the certificate of others—

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) Joseph Gibbs

Sworn to and subscribes the day and year aforesaid. J.P. Bull. Prot.