

Pension Application for Jesse Gilbert

S.22790

State of New York

County of Delaware SS.

On this 9 day of October 1832 personally appeared in open court before the Judges of the Court of Common pleas at said County and sitting Jesse Gilbert a resident of the Town of Stamford County of Delaware aforesaid and State of New York aged sixty eight 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 the 7th 1832.

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

That he entered the service as a substitute for Abraham Turpenny & served one month in Capt. Swartz (1) Company of Militia Col. Spalding, (2) Regmt, marched from New Paltz to Woodstock & there was stationed in guarding the lines against the Indians & Tories & was discharged in Kingston—In Sept. or October of same year served as a substitute one month for Solomon Eckers under Capt. Broadhead, (3) Col. Spaldings Regm't & marched to the Little Shandaken & was employed in guarding the inhabitants against the Indians and Tories – was discharged at Shandaken —In November following. Served one month as a substitute under the aforesaid Capt. Swart was stationed again at little Shandaken & employed as aforesaid was discharged there—In August 1779 served one month as a substitute under Lieut. Brink. (4) In Col. Spalding's Regt was stationed at the Fort in Great Shandaken & was discharge there.

In July 1780 volunteered for three months & served under Capt. Drake (5) marched from New Paltz to Fish Kill where lay about two weeks then marched to VerPlanks Point where remained till time expired & was discharge.

In June 1781 enlisted for three months in Capt. Cantine's (6) Company Col. Malcoms Regmt, marched to the Rendevous At Poughkeepsie where was joined by Col. Dubois (7) Regiment. The two Regiments then marched to West Point thence to Stoney Point thence to Haverstraw Bay, thence to Kings and Dobbs Ferry thence to Albany & Schenectady & from thence to Fort Plain where remaned till were discharged.

In 1782 in May became a substitute for William Ellsworth who had enlisted for nine months about two weeks after his enlistment and served eight & a half months under Capt. Gilbert Livingston (8) in Col. Spaldings Regiment marched to a place called the Bhre Man near Churchland then to called in Ulster County was stationed as a temporary fort or Stone Hause—where Capt. Livingstons company till time expired. When marched to Kingston & was discharged. That he served as a substitute & other wise at the different periods aforesaid during the Revolutionary War at least eighteen & a half months.

That he was born at Goshen now Orange County New York in the year 1764 (9)—Has a record of his age—Resided in the Town of New Paltz, Ulster County when he entered the service during the Revolutionary War & since the Revolutionary War at New Marlboro in Ulster County in the Town of Harpersfield, Delaware County & for the last fourteen years in the Town of Stamford & County last mentioned. Never received any written discharge. That Stephen Fenn & Roswell Hotchkiss Noah Davenport, Thomas Montgomery, Nehemiah Davis & Zacheus Smith, persons to whom he is known residing in his neighborhood & who can testify as to his character for veracity & their belief of his services as a soldier of the Revolution. That he has no documentary evidence & that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present & declares that his name is not on the pension Rolls of the agency of any state.

(Signed with his Mark) Jesse Gilbert

Sworn and subscribed the day and year aforesaid. C.B. Sheldon Clerk

We Stephen Fenn, a clergyman residing in the town of Jefferson County a resident of the town of Harpersfield County of Delaware and State of New York and Roswell Hotchkiss a resident of the town of Harpersfield aforesaid hereby certify that we are well acquainted with Jesse Gilbert who has subscribed and sworn to the above declaration that we believe him to be 68 years of age that he is reputed and believed in the neighborhood where he resides to have been a soldier in the Revolution and that we concur in that opinion.

(Signed) Stephen Fenn, Roswell Hotchkiss

Sworn & subscribed the day and year aforesaid. C. B. Sheldon, Clerk.

End Notes—S.22790—Jesse Gilbert

1. Philip Swarts or Swart served in Colonel Abraham Hasbrouck's First Regiment of Ulster County Militia. Lieutenant Colonel Johannes Snyder was promoted to Colonel Sometime in 1777 in place of Hasbrouck and was commissioned on February 19, 1778.
2. Levi Pawling was the colonel of the Third Regiment of Ulster County Militia. In 1776 and 1777 detachments of the Ulster County Militia were formed from the various regiments and officers were selected from the regiments to command the various companies. The field officers would also take turns like the company officers. These detachments would garrison Forts Clinton, Constitution and Montgomery on a rotating schedule.
3. Charles W. Broadhead served as the first lieutenant in Captain Cornelius C. Wynkoop's First Company, South East District of the Marbletown Township in Colonel Pawling's Regiment. Captain Wynkoop resigned and Broadhead was promoted to Captain and was commissioned on March 19, 1776.
4. Petrus Brink was the ensign in Captain John L. DeWitt's Fourth Company in Colonel Hasbrouck's Regiment.
5. This is the wrong year for this service, he may have served under Captain Uriah Drake who commanded an exempt company of Ulster County Militia.
6. Jesse enlisted July 24, 1780 for 3 months as a private in Captain Moses Cantine's Company in Colonel William Malcolm's Regiment of New York States Levies. According to the muster roll of Captain Cantine's Company for September & October of 1780 Jesse deserted on October 15th with several others from the company. He is listed as Jesper or Jasper on the rolls. FROM: Revolutionary War Rolls 1775-1783, Series M-246, Roll 72, folder 73, National Archives, Washington, D.C.
7. Lewis DuBois was appointed Colonel on July 1, 1780 of a regiment of New York State Levies for three months. The two regiments eventually served at Fort Rensselaer and early in October Malcolm's Regiment marched back to West Point due to Major General Benedict Arnold's desertion to the enemy and a fear of an attack on that post by the British.
8. On April 27, 1781 Gilbert James Livingston was appointed Captain in Lieutenant Colonel Commandant Albert Pawling's Regiment of New York State Levies. Jesse was issued a certificate on December 21, 1781 for £22. . 16. . 10 for his service. FROM: Revolutionary War Rolls 1775-1783, Series M-246, Roll 75, folder 134, National Archives, Washington, D.C.
9. Jesse would not have been 16 years of age until 1780 at which time he could legally serve in the local militia and could be drafted by class to serve in the levies. This could also account for his service in Captain Drake's Company of Exempts.