

Pension Application for James Mapes

S.23310

State of New York

County of Orange SS.

On this fifth day of December in the year one thousand eight hundred and thirty two—personally appeared in open Court before the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in and for the said County of Orange being a court of Record now sitting—James Mapes a resident of the Town of Blooming Grove in the said County of Orange aged 77 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 therein stated—

That he first entered into service in the fall of 1775, and as he believes in the month of September, under Captain Thomas Moffatt in the Town of Blooming Grove aforesaid, as a volunteer or Minnit [Minute] Man and was stationed at New Windsor in the County & State aforesaid, where he remained one month and was discharged, he having entered the service for three months and was ordered during that time to hold himself in readiness for service & was during that time prepared and ready to turn out when directed—

Seth Marvin was first Lieutenant and James Little was Second Lieutenant of Moffatt's Company—Captain Samuel Raymond commanded a company at that place at the time Deponent was stationed there—

That in month of December 1775 he again entered the service under Captain Francis Burns as a volunteer for one month and marched to Fort Constitution on the Hudson River opposite West Point, where he remained one month and was then released by other men & Deponent returned to his home in said Town of Blooming Grove—

Samuel McCord and Robert Rogers were Lieutenants & William Wilken was Ensign in this Company. The company of captain Raymond was also there. He again entered into service in March 1776 under Captain Thomas Moffat as a volunteer and was again stationed at Fort Constitution for one month & remained there during that time, in the Regiment of Col. Isaac Nicolls, Seth Marvin was Lieutenant and William Bradley was Ensign.

Early in the summer of 1776 & as he believes in the month of June of that year he again entered into service under Captain William Faulkner in a Regiment commanded by Lieutenant Colonel Hardenburgh in Gen. Scott's Brigade. Deponent was stationed at New York and remained there about three months, he then marched over to Long Island as a reinforcement at the time of the battle of Long Island but did not reach the battle ground until the commencement of the retreat of the Americans.

They arrived at Long Island just after the battle was over & met a number of our troops retreating. Deponent's Regiment recrossed the river to New York the next day, and after remaining there better than a week, they retreated up the river to

Kingsbridge and from that place to White Plains where they remained but a few days. They then marched to King's Ferry and crossed over to Haverstraw at which place they were discharged—The whole time Deponent was in service at this tour, was five months and ten days—

In December 1776 Deponent again entered into service as a substitute for his brother David Mapes in a company commanded by Capt. John Minthorn in a regiment commanded by Col. William Allison, and was stationed at Tappan at Present in Rockland County and near the Jersey line—

At that time the British lay at Fort Lee & Deponent's company were on guard. Deponent remained there in service one month & was then discharged and returned home.

In the spring of the year 1777 he again entered the service under Captain Seth Marvin & was stationed at Ramapo where the remained on two occasions a fortnight each time, in the whole one month. Captain John Sanford was then recruiting for the army at this time, there were no other troops there. Ramapo is on the edge of the Jersey line on the road to New York, and there was generally a guard kept at that place Deponent was at Fort Montgomery five times amounting altogether to twenty days service & he was in the fort at the time it was taken by the British—Deponent escaped in the dark over Bear Mountain and returned to his home in Blooming Grove aforesaid. The above comprises the whole of the service of this Deponent.

And this deponent further says that he was born in the Town of Blooming Grove aforesaid in the year 1755. He has a record of his age at home in his Bible. He has always to the present time resided in the said Town, excepting a part of a year when he resided in the Town of Goshen in said County; but now resides in said Town of Blooming Grove.

He entered the service as is herein above set forth. At the time Deponent lay in New York as aforesaid, Gen Washington, Gen McDougal, Gen Putnam and Lord Sterling with their troops were there—Lord Sterling & Genl Putnam were taken prisoners at the Battle of Long Island as deponent was informed.

Never received any written discharge.

Deponent further says that James Satterly, Job Sayre, Earl Ramsey (a clergyman) and William S. Woodstock residing in his neighborhood, can testify to his character for veracity, and their belief of his services as a soldier of the Revolution as Deponent supposes.

He has no documentary evidence of his service except the annexed certificate of Capt William Faulkner above named, who is now dead.

He knows of no persons who can testify to his service except Hezekiah Woodward, John Mapes and Job Sayre who were out on some occasions with this deponent, but he is unable to prove the whole of his services by living witnesses.
(Signed) James Mapes

Subscribed and sworn in open Court the day and year aforesaid. Asa Dunning,
Clerk