

Pension Application for John Mapes

S.13831

State of New York

Orange County SS.

On this First day of September in the year 1832 personally appeared before Horace W. Elliott one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in and for the said County of Orange at Goshen in the said County John Mapes a resident of Orange County and State of New York aged 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 under the following named officers and served as herein stated.

That he entered the service of the United States about the first day of August 1776—as a private under Captain Joshua Brown of the Militia for five months. That Thomas Moffat was about that time appointed Major in Colonel Nicoles regiment. Henry Brewster was their Lieutenant was taken Kingsbridge Westchester County New York from what is now called Monroe in the said County of Orange by his father for the purpose of entering the service—After enlisting we remained at Kingsbridge until the American Army returned from Long Island and New York under Gen Washington—we then marched to the White Plains in the County of West Chester—we then threw up some entrenchments—the American Army came up there—

We had not been there long before there was an engagement with the enemy it lasted several hours and a part of our army was compelled to retreat Gen. McDougal was there and Gen. Clinton—

We went from White Plains a few days after the battle to Peekskill on the east side of the North river—when we were discharged the first of January having served out the time of enlistment five months deponent returned home to Orange County.

And this deponent saith that early in the Spring of 1777—Deponent can not be more [?] the militia in their part of this country were ordered to turn out a portion of their companies to keep guard at Ramapo near the Jersey line on the road to New York now in the County of Rockland.

Deponent was not at that time enrolled in the militia being in his sixteenth year—he went out however in the service at Ramapo as a substitute for his father Henry Mapes—he went there in Company with David T. Kelley Dennis Kelly and others—all of whom are now dead except James Mapes—

And was put under the command of Seth Marvin of the Militia deponent staid there two weeks when they were relieved by others of the militia and returned home—Deponent further saith that from the time of the said service up to the month of September thereafter he was in the service at Ramapo as a substitute for his father and his brother Henry Mapes and his brother Nathan Mapes from time to time for five times at least—on a service of two weeks at each time making two months and a half.

And Deponent further saith that after his service at Ramapo and about the twentieth of September he went to Fort Montgomery as a substitute for his said father

and was there about two weeks when he was discharged two days before the fort was taken as he was informed.

That in the summer of 1778 deponent cannot be more precise as to time he was ordered to West Point under Captain Miller to whose Company Deponent belonged—called the [?] company we were engaged in building fortifications. Deponent was there twice in that service during the summer a fortnight at each time.

Deponent further saith that in the summer of 1780 he took the place of his said father as a substitute in ten nine months service and was ordered to the frontier at Minisink to guard them against the Indians—

Deponents Captain was Abraham Westfall – his Colonel Wesenfelt. Deponent was stationed at Captain DeWitts where there was a fort—Deponent staid there in the service at least five months—when his said Father came and relieved him and service out the rest of his time.

Deponent further saith that in the summer of 1781 he again took the place of his said father in the eight month service and was ordered to the same frontier – he was stationed at one [Kaykendolls] near the Junction of the Delaware and Minisink rivers, under the same officers – Deponent was there four months and an half—when he was again relieved by his said father this was the last service performed by Deponent as near as deponent can recollect the three last terms of service were as follows—the companies had to draft or furnish a person to perform the service—Deponents Company consented to raise the money. Deponents father chose to perform the duty as he services were more important at home he sent deponent who was accepted in his stead and he performed the service as above stated.

That he was born in Blooming Grove now Monroe in the year 1761.

That he has a record of his age at his Daughters in Goshen.

That he lived in the town of Blooming Grove now Monroe when called into service—has resided there since the war and now resides there.

That he was called into service as above set forth.

That [he] does not recollect any other officers than those stated.

That he never received a written discharge.

That he knows of no persons now living to who[m] were with him in the service excepting James Mapes, Ezra Howell, Abraham June, Isaac Lewis and John Wood and Enos Case.

That George Wilkes, John McGarrah, Joseph R. Andrews and Nathan H. White residing in his neighborhood can testify as to his truth and veracity and their belief as to his revolutionary services.

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 with his mark) John Mapes

Sworn & Subscribed before me the Sept 1832. H. W. Elliott, Judge of Orange Com. Pleas

Letter in folder dated March 8, 1940, written in response to an inquiry.

The data which follow were obtained from the papers on file in pension claim S.13831, based upon service of John Mapes in the Revolutionary War.

John Mapes, son of Henry Mapes, was born in the year 1761, in Blooming Grove (called later Monroe), Orange County, New York; the name of his mother was not given. He lived at his father's home in Blooming Grove at the time of the Revolutionary War. John had two brothers whose names were shown as Henry and Nathan.

John Mapes enlisted August 1, 1776, and served five months as private in Captain Joshua Brown's Company, Colonel Nicoll's New York Regiment, during which he was stationed near King's bridge, was in an engagement near White Plains and was discharged at Peekskill, New York. He enlisted in the spring of 1777, and served five tours of two weeks each as private in Seth Marvin's Company; these services were rendered as substitute for his father, and for his brother, Henry Mapes, and for his brother, Nathan Mapes. He served from September 20, 1777, two weeks at Fort Montgomery, as substitute for his father. He enlisted in the summer of 1778, and served one month as private in Captain Miller's New York company. He enlisted in the summer of 1780, for nine months as substitute for his father, served five months as private in Captain Abram Westfall's company, Colonel Weissenfels' New York regiment, then his father relieved him and served out the rest of the time. He enlisted in the summer of 1781, again as a substitute for his father, served five months as private in Abraham Westfall's company after which his father completed the remainder of the enlistment of eight months as substitute for his father, served four and one half months in captain Abraham Westfall's company, Colonel Weissenfels' New York New York regiment, then was relieved by his father.

John Mapes was allowed pension on account of his service in the Revolutionary War on his application executed September 1, 1832, at which time he resided in Monroe, Orange County, New York. He had a daughter living in Goshen, New York, at that time, but he did not state her name nor the name of his wife.

In August 1832, James Mapes of Blooming Grove, Orange County, New York, stated that he served in the Revolutionary War in 1776 and saw John Mapes in service then, but he did not state any relationship between them.