

Pension Application for Jacob Masten or Maston

S.28802

Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress of the seventh of June 1832.

State of New York

Sullivan County SS

On the thirty first day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty eight, personally appeared, Jacob Masten of the Town of Mamakating in said County in open Court of the age of seventy seven years who being duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832 that he enlisted in the Army of the United States of America in the year seventeen hundred and seventy six with one John Simpson and served in the Company of Mathew John Hardenburgh or Col. Johnas Hardenburgh and that the first time he was out he served under the command of said Captain Mathew Johnson on the Fronteers [Frontiers] of Ulster & Orange Counties in the State of New York aforesaid and was then in service from months and a half engaged in protecting the said Fronteers and in taking charge of the wagons and horses belonging to the Continental Army, and at the time he first entered the service he resided in the Town of Shawangunk in the County of Ulster in the State of New York aforesaid.

This Deponent further states that the next time he was in the service of the United States was in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and seventy seven, at which time he was stationed at Fort Montgomery under the command of the said Captain Jansen and that while there he was engaged as a Soldier in protecting the Fort and at that time he staid out Two months and a half, and that the next time he was engaged in the service of the United States was at Fort Mamakating as it was then called under the command of sergeant Stendevem and at this time he staid out three months engaged in protecting the western frontiers of Ulster County aforesaid.

This service was performed in the year 1778. And this deponent further states that he was out in the service of the United States in the latter part of the year 1778 at a place called Hunk, situated in Ulster County aforesaid under the command of John Johnson who was Lieutenant in the Company Commanded by John Hardenburgh as Capt who was Neiphew [nephew] of Col. Hardenburgh aforesaid and that he was then out and engaged in service for one month.

This deponent further states that the next time he was engaged in the service of the United States was at a place called Lackawack in Ulster County aforesaid and that he was then engaged in protecting the Frontiers and then was then commanded by the said Lieutenant John Johnson and that it was in the year 1779 and that at this time he staid out Three months under the said Lieutenant and also three months longer longer [sic] under James Chambers who was his leader this deponent believes he was a Sergeant in the Company of Captain Hardengurgh and that he was then engaged as a spy to watch the Indians.

This deponent further states that the next time he was engaged in the service of the United States was in the year 1782 at a place called Naponock on the Frontiers of Ulster County and that he was then under the command of Lieutenant Johnson and that he then was engaged in the service five months. This Deponent further states that while at Fort Montgomery he knew and was acquainted with Elnathan Seers who was then a Sergeant & was doing the duty of Quartermaster and that he was acquainted with Capt. James Millikin at Fort Montgomery [Montgomery] who was killed in the Battal [battle] of 5th October 1777.

And this deponent hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and that his name is not on any pension roll of the agency of any State. (Signed) Jacob Maston

Sworn and Subscribed of the day and year aforesaid.

I cannot give any reason why I have not made this application before other than because I never was advised to do so. Jacob Masten

Sworn and Subscribed this 7th day of February 1838 before me. James Sevens
Justice of the [?] Thomas C. McEwen

Letter in folder dated August 15, 1932, written in response to an inquiry.

The data which follow were obtained from the papers on file in Revolutionary War pension claim, S.28802, based upon the military service in the war of Jacob Masten.

Jacob was born December 20, 1760, place of birth and names of parents not shown.

While residing in Shawangunk, Ulster County, New York, Jacob Masten enlisted in July 1776, and served as private and Indian Spy, at various times until in 1762, twenty-one months in all, under Lieutenant John Jansen, and Captain Matthew Jansen, Colonel Johnnes Hardenburgh's New York Regiment, and was engaged largely in protecting the frontiers.

He was allowed pension on his application executed January 31, 1838, while living in Mamakating, Sullivan County, New York.

He died June 4, 1832, place not shown.

There are no family data.

Jacob Masten, Certificate No.31571, issued January 3, 1839, rate [?] per annum, commenced March 4, 1931, act of June 7, 1832, New York Agency.