

Pension Application for James Mead

W.1911 (Widow: Abiah)

Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed the 7th of June 1832.

State of New York

Ulster County SS.

On the twenty fifth day of October in the year one thousand eight hundred and thirty three personally appeared before me Henry Wynkoop one of the Judges of the County Courts In and for said County of Ulster, James Mead, a resident of the Town of Shandaken, County of Ulster and State of New York aged seventy seven years who first duly sworn doth on his oath make the following Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of congress passed the 7th of June 1832.

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

That on or about the first of May in the year 1775 in the revolutionary war this applicant volunteered in the Militia Service of the State of New York was a private soldier in Col. Vanderbergh's Regiment of Infantry of Malitia in Captain Luddington's Company. Lt Monroe marched with the company with the company to Peekskill and there joined the Regiment of Col. Vanderbergh and was stationed there for three months from then went with the said Regiment to Fort Independence and while there was engaged in and assisted in building said Fort. Remained there about two months from there went with the said Company and regiment to the west side of Hudson River to a place called New Windsor and remained for the term of one month or more and was discharged sometime in the month of November following and was discharged at the end of a term of service of six months or more received no written discharge knows of none alive to testify to the above stated service.

And this applicant further declares that in the spring on or about the first of April in the year 1777 this applicant again entered the Militia service as a private soldier under the command of Captain Servicen and Lieut Higgins to guard the artificers who were employed for the American Army at Frederickstown in the said County of Dutchess, that the said Company was drafted from the regiments of Colonels Luddington and Fields that this applicant with the said Company continued as said guard for the term of three months and was discharged received no written discharge knows of none who were with him.

And this applicant further saith about the first of July in the year 1777 and immediately after the above mentioned service He again volunteered in said service as a Serjeant [Sergeant] in the Regiment Commanded by Col. Luddington in a Company commanded by Captain Townsend Lt Berry and Townsend that the said regiment was stationed at a place called White Plains in the County of Westchester guarding the inhabitants against the British Scouting parties for the term of three months and was discharged, received no written discharge that he knew Captain Calkin of the same regiment.

And this applicant further saith that on or about the first of October and immediately after the last mentioned service he again volunteered in said service as a Serjeant in said regiment of Col. Luddington in a company commanded by Captain Hezekiah Mead and was stationed at a place called North Castle in the County of Westchester as a guard to protect the Inhabitants against the incursions of the scouting & foraging parties of the British Army at New York, that this applicant with the said Company & Regiment was stationed in said town of North Castle and its vicinity for the term of three months or more and was discharge[d] sometime in the month of January in the year 1778 received no written discharge and knows of none to testify to the same.

And knew Capt Townsend & Capt Calkin of the same regiment.

And this applicant further says that on or about the first of October in the year 1779 he again entered the said Service of the State of New York and volunteered as a private soldier in the Company commanded by Capt. Jesse Lane, Lt. Berry in Colonel Vanderbergh's Regiment for three months that the said Company and regiment was stationed at Fishkill in the said County of Dutches [Dutchess] for the term of six weeks then went to a place called Verplank Point and remained there untill on or about the first of January following in the year 1780 and was discharged received no written discharged and knows of none alive to testify to the same.

And this applicant further declares during the revolutionary War he was frequently called out on alarms the first for the term of two weeks at this time the town of Danbury was burnt by the British Army in Captain Joel Meads Company Col. Luddington's Regiment.

The second in the Spring of the year 1778 for three weeks in Captain Luddington's Company, Col Luddington's Regiment to Fishkill in Dutches Co.

The third he believes in the spring of the year 1776 when John Miller, William Carole & Constant Nickerson undertook to raise a company of troops for the British Service but were discovered, that this applicant with a few others ascertained their place of rendezvous [rendezvous] and found the names of those they had enlisted intended for said service of the British that immediately after this applicant with the Majority of Colonel Luddington's Regiment went in various directions through said County of Dutches and secured 25 or 30 but their leaders John Miller and William Carle made their escape to the British Army and did not return untill sometime after the conclusion of the Revolutionary War. That the last mentioned alarm continued for three weeks or more.

And this applicant further saith that in the three last mentioned services of Alarms he the said applicant served a Serjeant [sergeant] at last two months or more making in all the aforementioned services as a Serjeant eight months and as a private twelve months which he positively swears to be true but in consequence of the loss of memory and the lapse of time he may be incorrect as to dates yet he believes them also to be true.

To the interrogatories prescribed by the War Department he answers.

1st That he was born in the town of Frederickstown, County of Dutchess & State of New York.

2nd That he has no record of his age.

3rd That he lived in the said town of Frederickton in the revolutionary war and lived since in the town of Middletown County of Delaware [Delaware] and that he now lives in the County of Ulster town of Shandaken & State of New York.

4th That he volunteered and was drafted.

5th Remembers none except those already stated.

6th That he never had a written discharge.

7th That in addition to those stated in the succeeding certificate he can give the names of those living in his neighbourhood and who have been acquainted with him for more than twenty years and who can testify to his character for truth and veracity viz Herman Landon who has been a member of the State Legislator and Justice of the piece [Peace], Paul Hathaway who is now a Justice of the piece and a Supervisor of the town, Levi Mullenex and Thoams Smith Esqr all respectable citizens living in his immediate neighborhood.

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 any agency in any state. (Signed) James Mead

Sworn and Subscribed the day and year aforesaid before me. Henry Wynkoop one of the Judges of the County Courts of the County of Ulster.