

Pension Application for Isaac Montawney

S.2879

Declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress, passed June 7, 1832.
State of New Jersey
County of Morris SS.

On this second day of August 1832, personally appeared, in open court, before the Judges of the court of Common Pleas now sitting, Isaac Montawney or Isaac Montagnie a resident of Pequannock in the County of Morris and State of New Jersey, aged about ninety 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 7, 1832.

That he enlisted in the army of the United States in the year probably 1776, with [blank] and served in Malcolm's regiment of the [blank] line, under the following named officers:

That he enlisted in Capt. Sanford's company in Colonel Malcolm's Regiment about the month of August 1776 in Rockland County at Ramapo, N.Y.

That he enlisted as a common soldier for the period of six years or during the War. His Regiment lay at the place of enlistment until the next Spring when his Regiment removed to West Point where they remained doing guard duty &c for about 2 years as nearly as he can remember.

In the Fall of the year before the hard winter of '79 & '80 as he thinks, the troops at West Point leaving a Guard there—went to Valley Forge where they remained till the next spring remembers seeing General Washington at the latter place.

In the Spring or Summer following viz of '80 his regiment returned to West Point on the way at White Marsh he thinks his Regiment had a skirmish with the enemy, he being lame was with the baggage wagons and not personally engaged in the skirmish.

He now with his Regiment remained at West Point for about one year under the same officers and doing the same duty as before. He being a man of feeble constitution was commonly employed in waiting on the Captain, not doing much of the severe duty of a common soldier.

In the spring of '81 he thinks his Regiment left West Point, where they were going he does not know—at Goshen in Orange county N. York or near it he was taken sick and left the service by permission of his officers—he thinks that the Regiment was there dispersed—he never received a written discharge but drew the pay of a common soldier during the whole of his service.

He never was well enough to join the army again after leaving it at Goshen.

He was not personally engaged in any severe skirmishes or if his company was from extreme feebleness of memory he cannot state them.

This deponent was born at Paramas in Bergen County New Jersey the year he cannot state—remembers his parents said that his father went to the old French War while he was an infant. He has no record of his age and his is by reason of age unable

to recall any particulars of his services and knows of no one living who served with him or who was acquainted with him at the time of his services.

This deponent lived at the time of entering the Army near Paramus that he has lived all his life in Bergen County New Jersey & in Orange & Rockland Counties New York except the last 15 years & fro which he has resided in Morris County N. Jersey in the town of Pequannock.

For testimony to my character for veracity & refer to Isaac Hinds, who has known me ten or twelve years & to George Dobbin both of Pequannock Township, Morris County, the last named has known now more than thirty years.

He has never received any instruction either to read or to write & therefore makes his mark, but does not [know?] what letter make up his name—but calls himself Isaac Montawny.

He herby relinquishes every claim whatever to an 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) Isaac Montawny

Sworn to and subscribed, the day and year aforesaid. Isaac Hinds, Stephen Dial

Letter in folder dated January 17, 1927, written in response to an inquiry.

I have to advise you from the papers in the Revolutionary War pension claim S.2879, it appears that Isaac Montawney (Montagnie) was born at Paramas, Bergen County, New Jersey, data not stated.

He enlisted at Ramapo, Rockland County, New York, in August 1776 and served as a private in Captain Sandford's Company, Colonel Malcolm's New York Regiment, and served until in the spring of 1781.

He was allowed pension on his application executed August 2, 1832, while a resident of Pequannock, Morris County, New Jersey, aged ninety years.

Solder stated that his father (his name not stated) was in the "Old French War". There is no further data on file as to family.

The above noted Isaac Montawney is the only soldier of that name, (and similar spellings) found on the Revolutionary War records of this Bureau.