

Pension Application for Jacob Mott

R.7462

State of New York

County of Suffolk SS

On this twenty second day of February in the year eighteen hundred and thirty three personally appeared before me John P. Mount one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in and for said county, Jacob Mott a resident of the town of Brookhaven in the said County of Suffolk, aged about 73 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 was drafted in the militia for the term of one month sometime in the early part of the year 1776 in the town of Southeast in the County of Dutchess N.Y., and was attached to a company under the command of Captain Joshua Barnum, and was immediately ordered into the service and marched to the defence of West Point.

That he remained at West Point one month and while there in addition to the ordinary duty was employed in digging trenches and constructing breastworks – at the end of the month he returned home—

That in the fall of the same year his brother was drafted for the same period of time, but he brother being resided at home, he the applicant took his brother's place as a substitute and served out the whole time; the most part of which he was stationed at the highlands to guard the passes at that place and oppose the British troops in their approaches to West Point—

Captain Joshua Barnum was also the commander of the company at this time.—Does not recollect the names of any of the other officers in that part of the service either of the militia or continental troops, except that he thinks the name of the Colonel who had charge of the regiment to which he belonged was John Fields.

That sometime early in the spring of 1777 (day & month not recollected) in the said county of Dutchess he joined a company of volunteers called "Minute Men" commanded by Captain William Mott and Lieut. Joseph Fields whose duty it was to be ready at all times to turn out as well for the common defence as to prevent marauding parties from committing depredations upon the inhabitants, and to intercept spies, Tories and stragglers generally—That the exposed and defenseless situation of that part of the country at that time made it necessary for the company to be almost constantly under arms and traversing the country by night as well as by day—marching in various directions where danger was most apprehended, and where according to the information they gained from time to time; they might render the greatest service.

That he was frequently called with the company by alarms, to the Highlands to oppose the movements of the enemy.

That when information was received by them that Danbury in Connecticut was attacked, they immediately marched to its defence, but did not arrive until after that place was destroyed—they however pursued the enemy for some time, but without being able to overtake them.

That he served in this company in the manner above mentioned until the end of the war.

That he was well acquainted with General Wooster who was killed during the battle at Danbury.

That he knows of no person now living whose testimony he can procure to substantiate his statement of the military services which he rendered his country during the Revolutionary War.

That he was born in Norwalk in the State of Connecticut on the 14th day of October in the year 1759—has no record of his age—That he removed, as he has been told, in the year 1764 or thereabouts, from Norwalk with his father to the town of Southeast in the aforesaid County of Dutchess (N.Y.)

That after the conclusion of the Revolutionary War he removed to Long Island to the town of Brookhaven where he has ever since resided, except about 4 or 5 years that he lived in Kingston Ulster County N.Y.

That he received certificates of his service for the two months for which he was drafted and substituted, but has never received any certificate or other written evidence of his service in the “Minute Company”.—

He believes the certificates which he did received to have been lost—That Richard W. Smith Esquire, at present Sheriff of the said County of Suffolk and Nathaniel Smith and Henry Long brothers all residing in his neighborhood can testify to his character for veracity, and their belief that he served as a soldier in the war of the revolution.

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) Jacob Mott

Sworn to and subscribed the day and ear aforesaid before me. John S. Mount,
A Judge of Suffolk Common Pleas.