
Pension Application for Jacob Mour, Mower

W.17176

State of New York

County of Dutchess SS.

On this twenty fifth day of September, in the year one thousand eight hundred and thirty two personally appeared in open court before the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas & County of Dutchess aforesaid, Jacob Mour, a resident of the Town of Red Hook in the County of Dutchess aforesaid, and State of New York aforesaid, aged eighty two 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 entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served has herein stated.—

He first entered the service as he thinks for one month and went from Rhinebeck (in that part of the Town which is now Red Hook) in which Town he resided at the time, to FishKill in the same county in a company commanded by Captain John Chinn, (1) served for one month in the said company—but in what year he does not recollect. He was drafted upon this service afterwards, but in what year he does not recollect a draft was made in the company to which he belonged to serve for three months at FishKill & in Westchester County—every six men were required to furnish one, and this applicant agreed to go, the other five paying him. Who the other five were, he does not recollect. He proceeded on this tour in a company commanded by Captain VanSteenburgh, (2) as near as he can recollect in the regiment of Colonel Morris Graham, in the Brigade of General Peter TenBroeck (3) —They proceeded south & encamped a short time near Fishkill & thence went on to Westchester County above Kingsbridge—They had received orders to proceed to Kingsbridge which were countermanded & they encamped north of it—during this tour of service they were in different places in Westchester County the names of which he does not recollect—He was engaged in this service during the whole term of three months.

Afterwards during the revolution, but at what period, he does not recollect he went in the service, Ulster County in a company commanded by Captain James Wilson (4) for the purpose of preventing the expected incursions of the Indians—He went on this occasion in the same manner as before as one out of six—The names of the other five were to the best of his recollection, Christian Miller, Henry Miller, Philip Moore, Peter Moore and Evert Rynard—He believes that only one company went at this time—They proceeded to Mumbookus & laid there a short time & then went to Warwasing in Ulster County and were there engaged in scouring the woods for Indians. In this term of service they were engaged for three months.-- --

In the summer of the year 1777, this applicant belonged to a company commanded by Captain John Hermance, (5) in the regiment of Colonel Morris Graham as he believes—In that summer a draft was made for a number of men from the company to which he belonged for three months for the purpose of joining the northern army—This applicant then agreed to go again as one out of six, and went accordingly in the aforesaid company and as he thinks for the same persons, for whom he had before went to Ulster County, they proceeded through Albany and joined the army under the command of General Gates (6) and was at the taking of General Burgoyne's (7) army in the fall of 1777—In this tour of service he was engaged the whole term of three months.—

This applicant was born in the year 1750 but as what time in the year he does not know—He has no record of his age—He was born in that part of the town of Rhinebeck, which is now Red Hook in the County of Dutchess aforesaid, where he lived when he was called into service, where he has lived since the Revolutionary War, and where he now lives—The names of

some of the regular officers who were with the troops where he served are General Peter Ten Broeck, Colonel Graham, Major Nicholas Fish, (8) Captain John Hermance, Captain James Wilson. He never received any written discharge from the service.

The following are the names of some of the persons to whom he is known in his present neighborhood and who can testify to his character for veracity and their belief of his services as a soldier of the revolution—Nathan Beckwith, Philip Pitcher, John W. Pitcher, Jacob C. Elmendorf, John Virtue, Nicholas Hoffman.

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 Mour

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid. Henry E. Graves, Clerk

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On this third _____ day of June in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty nine, personally appeared before Robert B. Livingston a Judge of the Court of Common Pleas of the County of Dutchess, and State of New York, Helen Mour, a resident of the Town of Red Hook in the County of Dutchess, and State of New York, aged eighty three years, who, being first duly sworn according to law, doth on her oath, make the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed July 4th 1835, and the Joint resolution of July 7, 1838.

That she is the widow of Jacob Mour, late of Red Hook aforesaid, who was a private in the Army of the Revolution—That the said Jacob Mour received a pension from the United States on account of his Revolutionary services by virtue of a certificate of which the following is a copy—

“War Department
Revolutionary Claim

I certify that in conformity with the law of the United States of the 7th June 1832, Jacob Mour, of the State of New York, who was a private in the Revolutionary Army is entitled to receive thirty three dollars and thirty three cents per annum, [Note, \$66.66 for Jacob Mour, 33.33 for widow Helen.] during his natural life, commencing on the 4th of March 1831, and payable semiannually on the 4th of March, and 4th of September in every year—

Given at the War Office of the United States this 2d day of July, one thousand eight hundred and thirty three. John Robb, Act Secretary of War

Examined and countersigned J S. Edwards, Commissioner of Pensions

And this applicant further declares that the original certificate of which the foregoing is a copy was surrendered by her after the death of her said husband, for the purpose of obtaining the balance of pension up to the time of his death, and that she received such balance—

She further declares that her maiden name was Helen Myers (9)—that she was married to the said Jacob Mour before the last term of his service expired, by the Reverend Gerhard Daniel Cuck, at East camp, as it was then called, now Germantown in the County of Columbia—that she has no record proof of any kind, of her marriage, but that Mrs. Hannah Witherwax who resides in Red Hook aforesaid, is a surviving witness who was present at said marriage and can testify to the same.

She further declares that she was married to the said Jacob Mour, in the month of August, or of September (in which month of the two she cannot with certainty say) in the year seventeen hundred and seventy eight; that her husband, the aforesaid Jacob Mour died on the eighth day of February in the year eighteen hundred and thirty five; and that she has remained

a widow ever since that period, as will more fully appear by reference to the proof hereto annexed—(Signed with her mark) Helen Mour

Sworn to and subscribed on the day and year above written before me, Robert S. Livingston a Judge of the Court of Common Pleas of the County of Dutchess and I certify that the said Helen Mour is a credible person and her statement entitled to credit, and further that she is unable to appear in court by reason of bodily infirmity. Rbt S. Livingston Judge

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Hannah Witherwax of Red Hook in the County of Dutchess aforesaid being duly sworn deposes and says that she is seventy seven years of age—that she is well acquainted with Helen Mour, or as she was sometimes called Lana Mour, the widow of Jacob Mour deceased who was as deponent believes, a Revolutionary pensioner of the United States, and has been acquainted with her as long as deponent can recollect. That the maiden name of the said Helen Mour was Myers—and this deponent further says that she was present at the marriage of the said Helen to the said Jacob Mour, and witnessed the ceremony—that the marriage was solemnized at East Camp as it was called, now Germantown, in the County of Columbia, by the Rev. Mr.. Cuck, who is now dead & who was then the minister at that place--and this deponent further says that she cannot recollect at what time the marriage took place, but there she was a young girl at the time. (Signed with her mark) Hannah Witherwax

Subscribed & sworn to this 10th day of May 1839 before me, and I certify that the said Hannah Witherwax is a credible person & her statement entitled to credit. Jno. Rowley

End Notes—W.17176—Jacob Mour

1. Captain John Chinn's name has not been found so far and could possibly be a corruption of the officers name.
2. According to "*A Rank Roll for Morris Graham's Regt of Foot in the Service of the U. States of America under the command of Brigadier Clinton, at Head Quarters Kings Bridge September the 10th 1776.*" John VanSteenburgh was Captain of the Seventh Company. The First Lieutenant was Stephen Edget and the Second Lieutenant was Benjamin Bogardus. FROM: Documents Relating To The Colonial History of the State of New York, State Archives, Vol. I., ed. Bertold Fernow, Weed, Parsons and Company, Printers, Vol. XV, p 134, Albany, NY 1887.
3. Petrus TenBroeck was originally appointed Colonel of the First Regiment of Dutchess County Militia and Morris Graham was the Lieutenant-Colonel. Ten Broeck was promoted to Brigadier General of the Dutchess County Militia Brigade and Graham was appointed Colonel of the First Regiment and was commissioned on March 18, 1778.
4. James Wilson was commissioned on March 18, 1778 in Colonel Graham's Regiment. The following were officers in this company were John Wilson as the first lieutenant and the second lieutenant was Cornelius Welsh.
5. In 1776 a detachment from various Dutchess and Ulster County Regiments were formed into a regiment and Colonel Graham was placed in command of the regiment. On August 21, 1777 in camp at VanSchaick's Island, Colonel Graham sent Governor George Clinton an arrangement of officers for the regiment. John Hermance was appointed captain of the fifth company. His officers were Cornelius Elmendorf as the first lieutenant, and Andries or Andrew Hermance as the second lieutenant.
6. Major General Horatio Gates of the Continental Army. He was in command of the American Army at Saratoga.

7. Lieutenant General John Burgoyne had invaded New York State via the northern water route; Lake Champlain, Lake George into the Hudson Valley. Their destination was Albany. After several battles and skirmishes Burgoyne surrendered to Gates at Saratoga on October 17, 1777. Colonel Graham's Regiment was part of Brigadier General John Glover's Brigade while at Saratoga.
8. Nicholas Fish had served in various capacities in the American Army. He had been appointed Brigade Major on August 9, 1776 to Brigadier General John Morin Scott's Brigade, Fish was on November 21, 1776, appointed major in Colonel Philip VanCortlandt's Second New York Continental Regiment.
9. On May 30th 1839, Cornelius Gates swore to an affidavit, that the records of the Reformed Church at East Camp or Germantown in the County of Columbia, were in his possession. The Rhinebeck (now Red Hook) Church Records for 1774-1794 were as well, and he found no record of the marriage but he did find two baptisms. He states that Reverend Garland Daniel Cuck was the pastor from 1763-1794. He also states that the children would not have been baptized if the parents were not married. The two baptisms were for Christina in March of 1779 and Gertrude in October of 1780.