

Pension Application for Jason Newton

W.1985 (Widow: Susannah) Married August 30, 1796. Jason died June 7, 1842.

State of Vermont

Rutland County SS

On this 6 day of July A.D. 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Judge of the Probate Court of Rutland Dis't now sitting, Jason Newton, a resident of the County of Rutland and Sate of Vermont, aged 70 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 as herein stated.

In the breaking out of the Revolutionary war I lived at New Providence, County of Berkshire & state of Massachusetts.

In 1776, my uncle was drafted to an alarm, & I took his place as a substitute & was attached to Capt. Law's Company in Col. Simonds Regt of Militia—we marched thru Bennington to Castleton, where we remained a few weeks—according to my recollection I served one month on this tour.

In 1778, in May, I enlisted into the army to fill a vacancy, & was marched to Fishkill & after forming muster went to White Plains, & was in Capt. Cleveland's Company I think, but I do not recollect the Col. in Lamb's Brigade for a short time, and was soon after attached to Col. Morgan's Corps of Riflemen, & was out with his scouting through the summer & fall until we went into winter quarters at Poughkeepsie. I was discharged at West Point in March 1779 having served five months. I believe my discharge was signed by Genl Washington, but I have lost it.

In May 1779 I again enlisted at Lanesboro Mass. into Maj. Cogswell's Company, Col. Vare's Regt of the Massachusetts line & served in said Regiment as an orderly Corporal. That 1 March 1780, having served none months after I was mustered, & was discharged at the Highlands, State of N. York, below Fishkill, by Caol. ;Vose, but have lost my discharge.

In 1781 I volunteered to serve in Capt. Saml Clark's Company in Col. Willet's Regt. I was under Maj. Rowley's command. I served four months in said company as a sergeant. We performed duty as scouts on the Mohawk river, & built a block house at Fort Plain near Stonerobby—I further served about six weeks as a substitute for Saml Newton whilst he went home, in Capt Miller's company, in Col. Vase's Regt in the spring of 1781 after my time was out in s'd Regt & a short time before I went on duty on the Mohawk river as above stated I was at the battle of Johnstown.

I was born at Lanesboro Mass on the 7th of Jany 1762. I know of no record of my age. I came to be where I now live in the County of Rutland fifty years ago last March & have lived there ever since. The first time I saw Genl Washington he was walking on the wall of the Fort [blot] Peekskill, served in a long blue [?] in company with other officers in full dress—I asked "what plow jagger that was with our officer?" I was replied to with an oath, "Don't call him a plow jagger, it is Genl Washington!"

I am known to most of the people of Ira where I live. I have no documentary evidence except the deposition of Lt Hall & John Chase, which accompany this. There is no clergyman residing within four miles of me, & he has been there but a few months.

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) Jason Newton.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid. Rodney C. Royce, Reg of the Court of Probate.