

Pension Application for Joshua Purdy

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

State of New York

County of Westchester SS.

On this twenty seventh day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty seven personally appeared in open Court before the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in and for the said County of Westchester (being a Court of Record) Joshua Purdy a resident of the town of Yorktown in said County, aged (according to the best information in his possession derived from his parents and old people) seventy six 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 entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated that is to say he entered the said service as a private & some time in the spring of the year seventeen hundred and seventy nine in the company of drafted troops commanded by Captain Abraham Hyatt in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Drake, for the term of eight months that he served out said term of t months in said company under the command of said Hyatt and was honorably discharged from said service at the expiration of said term of eight months.

That at the time he entered said service as aforesaid he resided in the town of Yorktown in the said County of Westchester and belonged to a company of militia commanded by said Hyatt and was drafted out of the same for said term of eight months; that he was drafted to serve on the lines in said County to protect the same that he served on the lines in said County and was stationed at Bedford New Purchase, land New Castle in said County for the purpose of defending the lines in said county.

And the declarant further saith that he again entered said service as a private same time in the spring of the year seventeen hundred and eighty two in the company of drafted troops commanded by Captain Martin Post in the Regiment commanded by (as the declarant thinks) Colonel Drake. That at the time he entered said service as last aforesaid he resided in said Yorktown and belonged to a company of militia commanded by Captain Hyatt and was drafted from said Hyatt's company for the term of eight months and served the same on the lines in said County under the command of Captain Martin Post and at the expiration thereof was honorably discharged.

And the Declarant saith that he was in actual service during both of said terms and did not pursue any civil employment.

That in answer to the interrogatories propounded to him agreeably to the direction of the War department he on his oath saith.

1st That he was born in the town of Yorktown in said County in the year one thousand seven hundred and sixty one.

2nd That he has no record of his age, but his parents and old people with whom he is acquainted in his neighborhood always informed him that he was born at the time above stated.

3d That he lived during the revolution in Yorktown aforesaid and has always since lived in the town of Yorktown aforesaid with the exception of about six years a part of which time he lived in the County of Rockland and a part of it in the County of Putman in said state.

4th That he was drafted into the service as aforesaid and served for himself and not as a substitute.

5th That the only officers with whom he served whose names he recollects besides those above stated were Lieutenant John Moshier and James Tuttle; that the general circumstances of his service are before stated.

6th That he never received a written discharge from the service.

7th That he has no documentary evidence of his said service but that it is proved by the affidavits of John Veedenburgh and Abraham Purdy hereto annexed.

That the names of the person to whom he is known in his present neighborhood and who can testify as to his character for veracity and their belief of his services as a soldier of the revolution and Daniel Baker and James Gerow of Yorktown in Westchester County.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state.
(Signed with his mark) Joshua Purdy

Sworn to in open court this 27th day of September.

John H. Smith Clk WesCy Com Pleas.