

Pension Application for James Reeve or Reeves

S.49273

James Reeve came before me one of the Jutes [Justices?] of Orange County In the State of New York and maid [made] oath that he is the same James Reeve to whom the original certificate in his possession was given of which the following is a copy, the certificate given by the State.

By Richard Varick and Richard Platt of New York Esquires.

This is to certify that in pursuant of the Law of the State of New York entitled an act making provision for officers Soldiers and Seamen who have been disabled In the Service of the United States passed the 22nd of Apirel [April] 1786 we have examined James Reeve Junior of Goshen precinct in the County of Orange Farmer and find that during the late war he was a private in captain John Littles Company in the Regiment of orange County militia commanded by Colonel William Allison that on the twentieth day of July in the year one thousand seven hundred seventy nine he was ordered out into actual serves [service] to repel an invasion of the Savages at Minisink in the Same county that on the twenty Second day of the Same month in the Same year being in the Services of the United States in the company and Regiment aforesaid In an Engagement with the Enemy he received a wound by a musket or rifel Shot fromteh Enbimy through the upper bone of the Left arme above the Elbow by means whereof the Bone was fractured and his arm became Stiff by which he is rendered Incapable in Some measure of obtaining his Livelihood by labor and that on the twenty fourth day of aprel Last he was twenty Six years of age wherefore in pursuance of the law afore Said we do further certify that upon the principles fothe act of Congress of the Seventh day of June 1785 the Said James Reeve Junior is Entitled to receive from the Treasure of this State a yearly pension of thirty Six Dollars from the firs day of January one thousand Seven hundred and Eighty fi not before paid given under our hand this Seventh day of aprel 1788. Richard Varick, Richard Platt

And that he served in the Regiment of orang county militia commanded by Coll William Allison at the time he was disabled and that he now resides in the county of orange and has for the Last twenty one years previees to which he resided in the county of Ulster.

Letter in folder dated April 4, 1936, written in response to an inquiry.

Reference is made to your letter in which you request the Revolutionary War record of James Reeve or Reeves, Junior, who served as a private in Captain John Little's company and was wounded in the battle of the Minisink.

The record of James Reeve or Reeves follows as obtained from the papers on file in pension claim, S.49273, based upon disability incurred during his service in the Revolutionary War.

James Reeve or Reeves was born April 24, 1761; the place of his birth and names of his parents were not stated, but he was reared in Orange County, New York.

While residing in Orange County, New York, he enlisted in the spring of 1776, and served two months on an alarm, names of officers not given; he also served on two

other alarms of two months each one in the summer of 1777 at Fort Montgomery, and the other in the summer of 1778 on an expedition against the Indians "across the Pean Pack" on Shawangunk Mountain, in both tours he served in Captain John Little's company, Colonel William Allison's New York Regiment. He enlisted July 20, 1779, served as private in Captain John Little's company, Colonel William Allison's New York regiment, on an expedition against the Indians at Minisink, was in the battle at that place on July 22, 1779, in which he was wounded by a rifle shot from the enemy through the bone of his left arm above the elbow.

On account of disability resulting from the above-noted injury, he was pensioned from January 1, 1780, while a resident of Goshen Precinct, Orange County, New York. At the time he applied for pension, he was referred to as James Reeve, Junior. In 1824, the soldier stated that he had resided in Orange County, New York, for forty-five years and that previous to his residence there he lived in Ulster County, in the same state.

James Reeve or Reeves died January 15, 1837, in Orange County, New York.

Soldier's wife, whose name was not given, did not survive him.

The only names of children of the soldier shown were:

James H. Reeve who in 1844 was aged fifty-four years and a resident of Minisink, Orange County, New York, with post office at Wells Corner, in the same county.

Abigail, who in 1844 was the widow of one Jonathan Carpenter, of Pennsylvania, her age not stated.

In 1844, one James M. Reeve was residing in Minisink, Orange County, New York, his relationship to soldier's family not shown.