

Pension Application for Jacob Shaver

S.28876

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

State of New York

County of Onondaga SS.

On this eleventh day of September 1832, personally appeared in open court before the Honorable Daniel Mosley Vice Chancellor of the seventh circuit, at a Court of Chancery now sitting at Onondaga in said county, Jacob Shaver a resident of Manlius in said county aged sixty nine 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.

On March, or the first of April 1779 enlisted at Palatine County of Montgomery in State of New York in the Company of Captain McKean of Cherry Valley in Colonel Van Rensselaer's Regiment; marched immediately to German Flats, was afterwards stationed at the Stone house fort afterwards at the fort at German Town; spent some time in guarding boats from German Flats to Fort Stanwix, except this latter service did only garrison duty during the whole nine months, which was the period of his enlistment and that he was discharged on the first day of January 1780 verbally by Captain McKean, that Andrew Balsley now of Manlius, was in the same company during said nine months; that he [?] saw Colonel Livingston recollects seeing him once at the Stone house fort, that the company was divided sometimes not more than ten together.

About 1 March 1780 he enlisted at Palatine aforesaid under Captain John Denny or David in Colonel Hayes Regiment, of which regiment Major Bates & Chantinoth were officers; that immediately after enlisting he marched to Fishkill village, then to Fishkill Landing & Newburgh, then to West Point, then to Fishkill then to Fredericksburgh where he was stationed a short time in charge of United States horses; afterwards he returned to Fishkill, where in the fall the company was called in for two volunteers to convey the Baggage of General LaFayette to Pompton in New Jersey. The applicant volunteered and with four horses & a wagon went to Pompton and spent some time there with the army, then going into winter quarters afterward he returned to Fishkill and about the first of January 1781 he was verbally discharged by Captain Denny who accompanied him to Palatine to his home. That he served ten months in the enlistment which was the period for which he engaged.

About the first of April 1781 he enlisted under Captain Zeilly, in Colonel Marinus Willett's Regiment and joined the same at Fort Plain, and kept garrison and when the Indians came about burning & pursued them out to Durlock, near Bowman's Creek where there was a battle with the Tories and Indians whom we drove, and retook some prisoners & cattle; Captain McKean was killed in the battle, returned to Fort Plain Y kept garrison until Major Ross came with a party of the enemy from Canada and went to Johnstown, Colonel Willett, Major Finck and all our forces 5 or 600 strong pursued them and came in sight of them at Johnstown Village—part of our troops were put in ambush the party to which this applicant was attached pursued them into the woods, and when there the enemy turned on our party and took Captain Zeilly prisoner in sight of this applicant. The next day it rained and snowed; our party pursued the enemy through the wood and again attacked them as they crossed Canada Creek. At the close of the nine months service for which he had enlisted, the latter part of December this applicant was verbally discharged at Fort Plain, to which he had returned.

This applicant resided at Palatine at each of the periods of his enlistment and for two years after the war he then removed to Minden in Montgomery County & resided there about thirty years, he then removed to Sullivan in Madison County where he resided till about ten years ago, when he removed to Manlius in Onondaga County where he now resides.

He was born at [Kabiatt?] in the State of New York near New Jersey and about twelve miles from Tappan Bay in the Hudson River 21 October 1762. He has no record of his age but there is a record of his age in an old family Bible at Chittenango.

All this applicants services were voluntary he was not drafted nor had he any pay given him for services as a substitute, but always served on his own account. he thinks it possible he may not state the dates accurately, but is sure that he served in all the full periods stated in the several periods of service two years & four months. That he never had any written discharge or other documentary evidence of service.

Andrew Balsley of Manlius serviced one campaign with this deponent in Colonel VanRensselaer's Regiment and George Rotnour of Lenox in Madison County served one campaign with this deponent in Colonel Hay's Regiment, and can probably testify to the same and that he knows of no other persons whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service. (Signed with his mark) Jacob Shaver

He hereby relinquishes all claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and hereby declares that his name is not on the pension rolls of the agency of any state.

Sworn this 11 Sept. 1832 before me, Daniel Moseley. Circuit Judge, Vice Chancellor.

Bounty Land Claim and Back Pay
State of New York
County of Onondaga SS.

On this fourth day of September one thousand eight hundred & fifty two, personally appeared before me, Robert Gilmore a Justice of the Peace duly authorized to administer oaths within and for the county and State aforesaid, Jacob Shaver aged ninety years and ten months resident of Manlius who was a private in the company commanded by Captain John Denny in Col. Hay's Regiment State of New York or New York State troops, and also under Captain McKeen. Col Herny V'n Renselaer, Infantry, was about nine months under Capt. McKeen at Johnston [Johnstown], Sharon. Thinks col. Willett was in command—had his first discharge from Col. V'n Renselaer—Then enlisted under Capt. Denny at Fishkill—went from Fishkill to Pompton N.J. to Washington's Army with Genl LaFayette's baggage as driver and took care of his horses. Stayed at Pompton sometime returned from Pompton to Fishkill; drew United States Clothing, thinks he was to receive six dollars for months—said Shaver had the promise of Bounty Land but has never received it.

He makes this declaration for the purpose of obtaining the Bounty Land and money to which he may be entitled under the "act granting Bounty Land to certain officers and soldier who have been engaged in the Military Service of the United States passed September 28, 1850 and amended on the 22nd day of March 1852. (Signed with his mark) Jacob Shaver Elizabeth C. May, witness to signature

Sworn to and subscribed before me the day and year above written and I hereby certify that I believe the said Jacob Shaver to be the identical man who served as above said, and that he is of the age above stated. Robert T. Gilmor, J. Peace

State of New York
County of Onondaga SS.

On this eighteenth day of June 1855 personally appeared before me John Watson a justice of the peace within and for the county and state aforesaid, Jacob Shaver aged ninety six years, a resident of the town of Manlius in the State of New York, being duly sworn according to law, declares that he is the identical Jacob Shaver who was a private in the company commanded by Captain McKean, in the regiment commanded by Henry VanRanselaer in the Revolutionary War, with Great Britain and the United States. That he enlisted at Palentine [Palatine] New York, in the Spring of 1773 and served in the army nine months and was honorably discharged having served the time for which he had enlisted.

And in the Spring following 1774 he enlisted in the company commanded by Capt. John Denny in the regiment commanded by Col. Hay and served one year and three months as teamster under General Lafayette (can't tell how long) returned to Fishkill, where he enlisted and found the company had left for Little York.

I then enlisted under Captain Lauren Gross in the regiment commanded by Col. Marinus Willett and served under him three years until the close of the war and was honorably discharged at Fort Plain in the State of New York.

He also declares that he has not received a warrant for bounty land under this or any other act of Congress nor made any other application therefor (Signed with his mark) Jacob Shaver

Henry H. Gage, H. Edwards

Letter dated November 6, 1929, written to reply to a request for information.

I advise you from the papers in the Revolutionary War pension claim, S.28876, it appears that Jacob Shaver was born October 11, 1762, in "Kabiatt(?) in the State of New York near New Jersey, about twelve miles from Tappan Bay in the Hudson River".

While residing in Palatine, Montgomery County, New York, he enlisted and served at various times during the Revolution, as private and teamster in Captains McKean's, John Dana's or Denney's, Ziele's, French's and Lawrence Gross' Companies, Colonels Henry Van Rensselaer's, Hay's and Marinus Willett's New York Regiment, and was in the battles of Fort Plain and Johnstown. His entire service amounted to between three and four years.

After the Revolution he lived in Palatine two years, in Minden, Montgomery County, New York, about thirty years, and in Sullivan, Madison County, New York.

He was allowed pension on his application executed September 11, 1832, while a resident of Manlius, Onondaga County, New York, to which place he had moved from Sullivan about ten years before. In September 1855 he was still residing in Manlius, New York.

Reference is made to his wife, much younger than he, and a large family of children, but no names are given.

The above noted is the only soldier named Jacob Shaver (all spelling of the surname searched) of New York that is found on the Revolutionary War records of this Bureau.