

Pension Application for Jacob Sitterly

S.23915

Private, Captain Grant, Gen. Schuyler.

State of New York

County of Albany SS.

On this 5th day of September 1833 personally appeared in open court before the Justices of the Justices Court of the City of Albany, now sitting, (the same being a Court of Record) Jacob Sitterly a resident of the Town of Guilderland in the County of Albany and State of New York, aged Seventy seven years in the month of June last 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—

In the year 1776 I was corporal & went as a volunteer in a company commanded by Capt. John Grant of the Militia, from Guilderland, Albany County to Lake George, and joined the army commanded at that time as I believe by Genl. Schuyler—I remained there with my company about four weeks, and we were then discharged & returned home. I was in the service on this tour, not less than five weeks including the time of going & returning—I recollect that George Waggoner was Lieutenant of said company to which I belonged.

Our business at Lake George was to watch the enemy—we were not in any battle.

In the year 1777, in the month of June I again went into the service of the United States as a corporal & volunteer in the same company commanded by Capt. John Grant & Lieut Waggoner & Lieut. John Eager—We started from the Captain's House in Guilderland, and marched up to old Fort Edward where we joined the Army, still commanded, as I believe by Genl Schuyler. [blot] that I belonged to were quartered and was engaged for long [blot] there the trees & blocking up the roads in the near the brook [blot] in tents—I was stationed there with my company about four weeks, and we were there discharged & returned home, I was in the service on this last mentioned tour, including going & returning, not less than five weeks, as a Corporal in said Company.

Within about three or four days after my return home to Guilderland where I then resided, from the last mentioned tour, Col. Weisenfelts came into our neighbourhood, and pressed the wagons & horses of several farmers, and mine among the rest—I went with my wagon & horses into the service under the command of Col. Weisenfelts, to old Fort Miller—and I was there employed for some time in conveying baggage for the army & hay and wood, and sometimes in carrying water for the troops.—I continued in such service, with my wagon & horses, until after the capture of Genl. Burgoyne & his army & was then discharged & went home and never received any pay whatever for my services or for the use of my wagon & horses on this tour, then was compelled on this tour to go into the service as a waggoner & I remained in such service as a waggoner not less than two months and three weeks.—

In the year 1778 I was again in the service as a Corporal in the company of Militia commanded by Capt. Jacob VanArnum—I went with my company to Saratoga, and remained about two weeks, and we were then ordered to Schenectady, where we remained billeted out among the inhabitants, about two weeks, and was then discharged & went home—I was engaged on this tour & served not less than five weeks including going & returning—George Waggoner was also our Lieutenant on this tour—Capt. VanArnum was Captain instead of Capt. Grant.

In the year 1779 as I believe, I was in the service & served as a corporal in the same company commanded sometimes by Capt. Grant & sometimes by Capt. VanArnum—and went with the said company from Guilderland to Schoharie, I think, not less than four times in that year—on as many different tours of duty, to protect the inhabitants from the British and Indians—believing to the best of my recollection and belief, I was engaged in said tours, not less than four weeks each time, making in all, not less than sixteen weeks in the mid year 1779 during which I was in actual service as a corporal in said

company of Militia. But I am not able to specify here particularly the length of time in which I was engaged in such tour.

I was stationed at Schoharie in the old stone church at the time the village of Schoharie was burnt by the British & Indians, which was I think in the said year 1779 or 1780.

I was again in the service in 1780 in the same company and went to Schoharie, as near as I can now recollect, not less than four times in as many different tours of duty & served as a corporal in said company on said tours—and according to the best of my recollections & belief I was engaged on said tours not less than four weeks on each tour, making in all a period of not less than sixteen weeks that I served as a corporal in active service at Schoharie in the said year 1780, but I am not able to specify the particulars of each of said tours.

In answer to the 7 Interrogatories, prescribed by the department, now put to me by the Court. I answer as follows.

1. I was born in Pennsylvania, in the year 1756.
2. I have a record of my age in High Dutch in my bible, made by my father—it is in my possession at home.
3. I lived in the Town of Guilderland when entered into the service and have lived there ever since—and now live there.
4. Part of the time I was in service I was a volunteer and part of the time I was drafted.
5. I do not recollect the names of any of the officers of the regular army, except Genl. Schuyler & Genl Gates, both of whom I often saw.
6. I never received any written discharge from the service.
7. I am known to George Scrafford, Elias Gray, Russell Case, Abraham Vanderpost & John Vanderpost of Guilderland, all of whom I believe, would be willing to testify as to my character for veracity, and their belief of my services as a soldier of the revolution—I am also known to Rev'd Willaim Brown, a Methodist minister residing in said town, of whose church I am a member—& who I believe would also testify as above mentioned—but it is not convenient for me to obtain his attendance before this court.

I am not know to any clergyman in this City—

I hereby relinquish every claim whatever to my pension or annuity except the present and declares that my name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state.

I have never learned to write. (Signed with his mark) Jacob Sitterly.

Sworn to and subscribed on the day & year aforesaid in open court. J. G. Wasson, Clk