

## Pension Application for Jesse Squires

S.23939

State of New York

Columbia County SS.

On this twenty seventh day of September in the year of our Lord 1932, personally appeared in open court before the Justices of the Justices Court now sitting Jesse Squires a resident of the Town of Hillsdale in the County & State aforesaid aged seventy two 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<sup>th</sup> 1832.

That he was born in the Town of now Hillsdale then Nobletown in the County & State aforesaid in the month of Oct. 1760—That he enlisted in the month of June 1777 under Capt. Abraham Fonday, Lieutenant Isaac Vosburgh, Major Esslestyne, Colonel Robert VanRensalaer, marched to Fort Edward and remained there a few days & then retreated back about six miles to a place called Muddy Creek—and from thence to Saratoga and remained there about one month and while there Generals Gates & Arnold marched in to Saratoga, while the whole army previous to the arrival of Gates this applicant was under the command of General Schuyler and was frequently ordered on fatigue duty to destroy bridges and cut trees across the road to obstruct the army of Burgoine [Burgoyne] they remained in the neibor hood [neighborhood] of Stillwater and at Stillwater until after the surrender of Burgoine and this applicant was in a skirmage [skirmish] the day previous to the general battle and was with the army on the day of the Battle but was not called into battle and was discharged at Stillwater above & the 25<sup>th</sup> of October thinks he rec'd a written discharge but did not preserve it as it was only considered useful as a passport home. Term 4 months.

Again enlisted at the Town of Claverack in the County and State aforesaid about the first of September 1778 under Cap George Phillip, Lieutenant Justis VanHousar and marched to Albany and from thence up the Mohawk to Truaxxes and from thence to Middle Fort in Shoharrie [Schoharie] and then joined two Regimentt was a regiment of Riflemen from Virginia and he thinks the other was called Continentals does not recollect the names of any of the officers of those Regiments after he arrived of the company of which this applicant was a member. Came to Schoharry they were placed in the Fort to keep Garison [garrison] and the two regiments where kept on scouting duty and this applicant was discharged at the expiration of the three months for which he enlisted about the first of December 1778. Did no[t] receive a discharge as he came home with his captain. Term 3 months.

Again went as a substitute for one William Smith the enlistment was for three months. Thinks the Captain's name was Robinson, does not recollect the names of the officers as they were strangers tohimand weren't from his town marched from Livingston's Mannor in the County and State aforesaid also at the last of August 1779 and went to West Point and remained there in garrison until he was discharged in November before the three months had expired. He once saw General Washington while at West Point and this was the only time he saw him.

There were three or four regiments of troops at West Point does not recollect the names of any of the regiments. This term serv'd 2 months.

And this applicant further says that he serv'd one short tour in the month of May 1777 went from Hilsdale as a single company out of VanRensalaer's Regiment (of Clavarack) Malitia—under Cap Jeremiah Miller does not recollect the other officers went after Tories. This tour of service is referred to in the affidavit of Eunice Harden as also the term under Capt. Phillip and the term as substitute for William Smith and he further says that seven months of this time above stated he served as a corporal regularly elected by the company that he had a corporals warrant but that it is now lost and he can produce no evidence that he ever had one—and he further says that he has no documentary evidence—and that he knows of no living witness whose testimony he can procure except Eunice Harden whose affidavit is hereunto annexed.

And 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. And he further says that the record of his age is in his family Bible—That he still lives in the same Town and has lived there since the Revolutionary War in which he lived during the war & y previous thereto (to wit, the town of Hillsdale), went into the service three times as a volunteer & once as a substitute for William Smith, does not recollect the names any of the Continental officers except General Schuyler and Gates & Arnold under whose command he was at the taking of Burgoine and General Washington at West Point—That he would refer the department for testimonys for his character Thadduis Reid Esqr, Refine Salling Esqr, Post Master at Hillsdale and to Augustus Reid Esqr & to Harry Trusdell minister of the Gospel. (Signed with his mark) Jesse Squires

Sworn & Subscribed to the day and year first above mentioned.