

Pension Application for Jacob Thomas

W.19440 (Widow: Esther) Easter Brown and Jacob Thomas were married April 30, 1789. Jacob died February 12, 1839.

State of Vermont

Rutland County SS

On this tenth day of August A.D. 1832, personally appeared in open Court before the Judge of the Probate Court of Fairhaven District now sitting, Jacob Thomas a resident of the County of Rutland and State of Vermont, aged 74 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.

That in September 1777 he lived at Kinderhook, New York, and in said month the militia in the vicinity where he lived, were ordered into service—that he was then subject to military duty; that he was attached to Capt Joho Philips company of militia, land according to orders, the company was marched from said Kinkerhook to Fort Edward on the North River and staid at Fort Edward four weeks or more; that it was six weeks from the time he first set out for Fort Edward before he was dismissed, during which time he was in service as a New York militiaman; that Col Abraham VanAlstein then of Kinderhook, commanded the company to which he was attached; that he resided in Kinderhook when he entered the service on the above named tours—

That the name of his Lieutenant was Felton [Lant?]; Ensign, Philip Woolfrom; that he thinks that Genl Schuyler commanded at Fort Edward when he was there; that according to his best recollection he was ordered out on a tour of ;militia duty in the spring of 1777; that he well recollects the town, but cannot be particular as to the season of the year.

That he well remembers that the militia, where he then lived, where ordered out under Col. VanAlstein, and the same company officers as in the tour above named; that he then lived at Kinderhook, was marched through Albany, Schenectady, and thence up the Mohawk River to Sunday or a name like it, and was there about five weeks; that he was absent from the time he commenced this tour till he was discharged about six weeks; that in the spring of 1778, there was a call for men for the services; the militia were classed, and each class furnished a man.

These men were wanted for nine months services, the class this applicant was in agreed [sic] with him to go, and under this engagement he entered the service under Capt. Isaac Bogert at Schoharie; that Lieut Harper and Ensign Pratt were attached to the same companys—the regiment, to which he was attached, were commanded by Col Harper; Major Hughes was in the same Regt.; we were at Schoharie upper fort from spring till the next fall.

That he should think it was in Nov'r 1778, same year they were ordered to Fort Stanwix, on our way up the Mohawk the land force and the bateaux kept near together. They arrived at Fort Schuyler where the city of Utica now is, and in the night

a friendly Indians came r ort Stanwix, and informed Major Hughes, who commanded us, that the Indians to the number of two hundred were lying in ambush to attack the batteaus on tier passage up.

The next morning the regiment and batteau men were paraded, and arrangements were made to attack them. The Regt and battueaus kept about even pace, about the middle of the day, they discovered the Indians, land designed to secure them between the Regt and the river; a large Indians appeared near the edge of the bushes, land when raising his gun to fire, was shot down—upon this several shots were made at us from the bushes, and that he thinks they were returned a little better than they were given – The Indians discovering their situation, immediately commenced yelling, and fording the river; --before this time the Regt had no apprehension that it was fordable; the Regt took seventeen Indian Guns, and other materials, and found nine dead Indians,--then the Regt to which this applicant was attached, were marched to Fort Stanwix, where it continued until the fore part of the winter following, guarding the fort. In the fore part of the winter the said regiments, to which this applicant was attached, was ordered back to Schenectady, and was there dismissed, having served out the period of enlistment.

That he was born in Kinderhook New York Dec'r 27, 1774 [sic, but it can't be correct!]

He knows of no record of his age, he lived in Kinderhook afores'd when he entered the service, has lived in Addison, [?] Sshoneham Vermont, Constable New York & now resides in Beusan Vermont, never served as a substitute, Volunteered my service. I have before states the names of the regular officers whom I recollect, never received a written discharge. Guy Wheeler & Henry S. Easton will state their belief of my services as a soldier of the Revolution.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever ton a pension or annuity except the present, and declares that his name is not on the Pension Roll of the Agency of any State. (Signed) Jacob Thomas.

Sworn and subscribed the day and year aforesaid. Guy Wheeler, Henry S. Easton.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal of office this 10th day of August AD 1832. S. H. Merrill, clerk of probate court for Fairhaven District.