

Pension Application for Joseph Tice

R.10595 (Widow: Jemima)

At a Court of Common Pleas holden at the Court House in the Village of Elmira in and for the County of Tioga in the State of New York Commencing on the fourth day of September 1832, present Hon. Grant B. Baldwin first Judge, John C. Drake, Darius Bentley, Joseph L. Darling & Elijah Shoemaker, Esqrs, Judges.

State of New York

Tioga County SS.

On this 4th day of September 1832 personally appeared in open court before the Judges aforesaid being a Court of Record because made so by the Constitution and Laws of the State having my law a Clerk and Seal now sitting Joseph Tice a resident of Elmira in the County and State aforesaid aged seventy two years the seventh day of February 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 7th 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated.

That he enlisted in the spring thinks about the first of May 1777 for the term of two years and was placed in the company commanded by Captain Titus and in the Regiment then commanded by Col. Livingston of Dutchess County and was march'd to Fort Montgomery in which he was stationed on duty till it was taken by the British on the sixth of October following in which engagement he received a severe wound in his right thigh from a ball and a cut in the left part of the face with a bayonet the scars of both wounds are yet visible, he thinks that Gen. Clinton commanded the forces at this Fort when it was taken but is not positive of the fact—after the surrender of the Fort to the enemy he was march'd to Old Schoharie Village and stationed in that part of it call'd Fort Plank—

Here and In the vicinity of that place he remained under the command without any thing very important occurring except occasionally taking up and bringing in a few Tories till the spring of the year '79 when he was march'd to Fort Plain on the Mohawk River preparatory to the Indians expedition against the six nations—here he was placed under the command of Col. Weisenfelt and Major Fish—We were then march'd to the head of Otsego Lake from whence issues the North Branch of the Susquehannah River—At this place we were joined by Gen. Clinton and his forces who commanded the expedition from his quarter—Previous to starting down the river we took the boats some ways on the outlet and loaded them then went to work and entered a dame across the Stream by which means we raised sufficient water (by suddenly tearing away the dam) to float on to where the River was sufficiently large for our purpose—

The whole force then descended the River to Tioga Point—here we were joined by Gen. Sullivan who came up the River with the forces attached to his command—we then prepared to ascent the Chemung or Tioga River which we effected to the month of Newtown Creek where we halted and fortified a part of the remains of the Fort are still

visible though most of the ground occupied has been washed away by the River. On our way up the Tioga River we had a brush with the Indians on what is call'd hog back hill in the Town of Chemung eight miles below the now Village of Elmira—The Indians were however routed with considerable loss. But to return to the [Fortress?] at the mouth of Newtown Creek. There was here attached to the main force a rifle battalion under Col. Morgan who was said to have been a Virginia officer—also another rifle corps under Col Butler—After refreshing and sufficiently reconnoitering the vicinity of this place we march'd to the Northward through the County as far as the Genesee Flats destroying many Indian Villages, much corn, Apple trees &c.

While in the Genesee Country Lieutenant Boid [Boyd] who was under Cool. Morgan with 14 of that Corps were detached on a scouting party—they fell into an Indian ambuscade and were all massacred save one Timothy Murphy who made his escape and got back to the main force.

In the fall we started on a return march and this deponent was discharged at a place call'd Basking Ridge about three miles below Morristown in the State of New Jersey in the month of January 1780, Making two years and eight months service. That after the expiration of his two years enlistment he continued in the service without any new engagement farther than to Complete the Campaign against the Indians—he has no documentary evidence of his services and but one living witness, Silas Hall, that is, within his knowledge.

And in answer to the several interrogatories put by the Court he says that he was born in the Town of Peakskill in the County of Dutchess in the State of New York on the 7th day of February in the year 1760—that he has no record of his age—that his father had one and he remembers seeing it and has not doubt is memory is correct on the subject—that when he first entered the service as before stated he lived at a place call'd Smith's Cove in the County of Orange, and State of New York—

After the Revolutionary War he lived seven or eight years in the same place—then lived at Mamacotten Hollow same County eight years then came to Elmira his present residence where he has lived upwards of Thirty years—that he entered the service as a volunteer—that he was acquainted with Generals Clinton & Sullivan—Cols. Morgan, Butler & Weisenfelt and Major Fish—that he had a discharge—he thinks given him by Col. Weisenfelt—that he kept it in his Pocket Book which about three years after being discharged was stolen from him and he has neither seen or heard of it since.

That he would refer to Thomas Maxwell and Elijah Jones of Elmira, Caleb Baker and Henry Wells of Southport, Jacob Lowman and Jacob Kress of Chemung as persons who are acquainted with his reputation for truth and veracity and who can testify to their belief in the truth of the foregoing declaration.

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. (Signed with his mark) Joseph Tice

Sworn to and subscribed the day & year aforesaid. Green M. Tuthill, Clk