

## **Pension Application for James Trapp**

R.10678

Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress, passed June 7<sup>th</sup> 1832.  
State of New York  
Tompkins County SS.

On this [blank] day of July 1832 personally appeared in open court before the Judges of the Court of Oyer & Terminer now sitting, James Trapp a resident of the town of Lansing in the county of Tompkins and state of New York, 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 entered the service of the United States, under the following named officers and served as herein stated.

That in the Spring of 1776 at the town of Montgomery [Montgomery] in the County of Orange & State of New York he inlisted [enlisted] under Captain John Graham for the term of five months in Colonel Paulding's Regiment went to Kingsbridge & from thence to New York had a skirmish below Kingsbridge, at White Plains Served out his term of five months and was discharged at the town of Windsor had no written discharge served as a drummer.

In the Spring about the first of May 1777 again inlisted at Montgomery under Captain Jacob Rose in Col. McLaughlins Regiment for the term of six months, was at Fort Montgomery was not in the Cattle was sick. His service was principally at Fort Montgomery. Served his term of six months and discharged at Fort Montgomery knew General Clinton who was at the fort—Also Captain Hamtram of the Continental troops.

About the tenth of May one thousand seven hundred & seventy eight again at the said Town of Montgomery under Captain Travis Johnson for the term of four months, the Colonels name he cannot recollect, went to Marney Caton Hollow and then left garrison the service was in ranging along the lines & keeping back the savages there was no Continental Troops on that frontier that deponent served out his four months and was discharged at MamaCotten. [Mamakating]

The next spring in 1779 this deponent again inlisted at Montgomery in Captain Hance Robinson's Company don't recollect that there was any Colonel went as a company of Rangers to the Indian Camp West of the Shongum [Shawangunk] Mountains, took some prisoners returned into Orange County. Served out his time and was discharged between [Mumbackus?] & MamaCotten, after having served out his time knew no Continental troops and was engaged in no battles—the term of this last service was five months, all the above inlistments was in the New York State troops.

In the spring of 1782, he entered into a Class of ten in the town of Montgomery William Dales, James Douglas, William Swart, Eleazer Decker, John Hole and this Deponent, and four others whose names he does not recollect, this Deponent served two months as one of the class.

And this deponent further says that he has no documentary evidence & he knows of no person except Jonathan Odell & William Wallace whose affidavits are hereunto annexed that knows of any of his service or can testify to his service.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, and declare that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state. (Signed) James Trapp.

Sworn to and subscribed, the day and year aforesaid. Saml Love, Clk

Letter in folder dated May 27, 1932, written in response to an inquiry.

Reference is made to your letter addressed to the General Accounting Office, Washington, D.C., and by then transmitted to this office for reply in regard to the Revolutionary War record of James Trapp or Trappe of the state of New York.

The data contained herein were obtained from the papers on file in pension claim, R.10678, based upon the Revolutionary War service of James Trapp.

He was born in Montgomery, Orange County, New York, date not given.

He alleged that while residing in said Montgomery, he served in the New York troops, as follows:

From the spring of 1776, five months as drummer in Captain John graham's company in Colonel Paulding's regiment, and was in a skirmish below King's Bridge and in the battle of White Plains; from May 1, 1777, six months in Captain Jacob Rose's company in Colonel McLaughlin's regiment, and was stationed at Fort Montgomery; from May 10, 1778, four months under Captain Tavis Johnson at Mamakating ranging along the lines to keep back the Savages; from the spring of 1779, five months under Captain Hance Robinson's Company of Rangers; in the spring of 1781, two months, no officers stated.

He applied for pension July 17, 1832, then a resident of Lansing, Tompkins County, New York, and was seventy-two years of age, having lived in Lansing fourteen years.

The claim was not allowed, as proof of six months service as required by the pension law, was not established.

There are no data as to his family.

This is the record of the only soldier named James Trapp or Trappe that is found in any file in the Revolutionary War records of this office.

In a letter dated January 25, 1932, a person writing for information supplied some of his own.

*I am looking for information regarding the service in the Revolution of one James Trapp (or Trappe) who came from Alsace about the same time as Gen. LaFayette, and at the age of sixteen enlisted from Ulster County, New York, and played kettle-drum in the army. Became deaf from the roar of cannon and was discharged. After the war they lived on a military tract in Genoa, Cayuga County, N.Y.*