

Pension Application for Richard Truesdell

S.14728

State of New York

County of Warren SS To wit:

On this Twenty Eighth day of September AD 1832 before me the undersigned First Judge of the county of the said County of Warren, personally came Richard Truesdell resident in the town of Caldwell in the said County of Warren, who being by the First Judge aforesaid first duly sworn, 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 hereinafter stated.

About the beginning of the Revolutionary War he lived then in Dutchess County, he enlisted as a private soldier under Capt. Waterbury, Col Ludington's Regiment, Genl Parsons' Brigade, of New York Troops and he served in the company about a year—during this service he was in the battle at Ridgefield—saw Genl Worester shot down by the enemy, and Col. Arnold then took command—he remembered Col Arnold's writing on horse bark a letter to Genl McDougal then at Peekskill the day the battle was seen about a [an hour high at night?] Arnold gave the letter & one Ebenezer Ward to Carry it to McDougal and he being near, heard Arnold give the orders to Ward to go with it, with great haste.

Col. Crane was in this battle and shot with a musket ball through the body, & afterwards got well.

In the year 1777 he again enlisted in Col Ludington's Regiment his captain's name he can't recollect—joined Genl parsons' Brigade—was near Peekskill at the other Burgoyne was taken, was discharged at Peekskill.

In the spring of the year 1778 he again enlisted, under Capt Jesse Truesdell, (brother of this applicant, who is now dead), in Col. Thaddeus Crane's Regiment of New York Troops—as a private soldier for the term of time he cannot now recollect. That he served during this term about two years – was discharged at Salem, Westchester County New York—during this =service was at Crumpond, at the time it was expired, would make an attack from their shipping—was at Peekskill shortly after the Brittish [British] had been there and had destroyed the stores at that place—he also went to West Point during this service, and his son Jacob Truesdell went with him, to convey some stores to West Point, a part of the Regiment to which he belonged was cutoff by the Brittish light horse near White Plains.

In the year 1780 he again enlisted under Capt Ostrander, Major McInstry, Col. VanAlstyne's Regiment in the New York troops—he enlisted as a soldier and was soon after appointed orderly Sergeant, and continued to serving [serve] as Sergeant during the remainder of the War. Was at Kinderhook, Albany, up the Mohawk at Fort Herkimer and at Fort Plain, was near Fort Plain at the time of the fight at Stone Araby.

He did duty during almost all this service about two years, as Orderly Sergeant and until the end of the war—was discharged at some place he don't now recollect up

the Mohawk—he was once during this service at Bemus heights—Genl Schuyler was his general.

In answer to the Interrogatories, directed to be put to the applicant by the instructions from the War Department, he, on his oath, says.

1st He was born in Wilton Connecticut in the year 1744, and is now eighty eight years old has a record of his age in his Bible.

3^d He lived in Dutchess County, New York , when he entered the service afterwards at Kinderhook—thence at Phillipstown—thence at Fort George I Caldwell aforesaid—than at Caldwell where he has lived more than forty years.

4th He enlisted and volunteered—was never a substitute.

5. His officers names are stated above.

6. He never received any written discharges.

7th He has no written evidences other than this present of his services during the war. His son Jacob Truesdell, now sixty three years old and Nathaniel Smith about sixty two years old both residing in Caldwell aforesaid, recollect some thing about his services in the Revolutionary War—and his neighbors can testify to his character for truth and veracity and his reputation as a soldier and non commissioned officer in that war.

That he never was a pensioner, or on any pension list and he hereby relinquishes all claims to any pension or annuity excep the present.

That he is and has been almost wholly deaf, so much so that it is very difficult for him to hear very loud conversation on account of his deafness, it was impossible for him to make his declaration as above at County Court. (Signed with his mark)
Richard Truesdell

Subscribed & sworn this 28th day of September 1832 before me. Seth C. Baldwin, First Judge &c.

Letter in folder dated December 13, 1923, written in response to an inquiry.

I have to advise you that from the papers in the Revolutionary War pension claim S.14728, it appears that Richard Truesdell was born in Wilton, Connecticut, in 1744.

While living in Dutchess County, New York, he enlisted about the beginning of the Revolution and served one year as a private in Captain Waterbury's Company, Colonel Ludington's New York Regiment. He enlisted in 1777 and served five months in Captain Waterbury's Company, Colonel Ludington's Regiment and was in the battle of Ridgefield. He enlisted in May 1778 and served two years in Captain James Truesdell's Company, Colonel Thaddeus Crane's New York Regiment. He again enlisted in September or October 1780 and served to the end of the war as Orderly Sergeant in Captain Ostrander's Company, Colonel VanAlstyne's New York Regiment.

He was allowed pension on his application executed September 28, 1832, while living in Caldwell, Warren County, New York, at which time he had a son, Jacob Truesdell, also residing in said Caldwell, who was then sixty-three years old.

There is no further data on file as to his family.