

Pension Application for Asa Utley

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State of New York

Livingston County SS.

Asa Utley of the town of York in the County of Livingston and State of New York being duly sworn deposeth and saith that he is now of the age of seventy two years and upwards and hath always since his birth resided In the State of New York and Connecticut and that in the early part of March in the year 1779 this deponent at Goshen County of Orange and State of New York enlisted in the army of the United States, for the term of nine months and on the same day of his said enlistment he entered the service.

That this deponent cannot now recollect the name of the officer holding the enlistment roll at the time of this deponent's enlistment, but this deponent not being able at that time to write his own name did communicate it to the said officer who write the same (and this deponent is apprehensive that his sir name mirth have been misspelled by the said officer as persons unacquainted with the manner of spelling it are and have been in the habit of mis-spelling the same.

That this deponent enlisted for the purpose of filling some vacancy in the ranks of some troops about to join the then contemplated expedition of General Sullivan against the Indians upon the Genesee river in the said State of New York—that the plan of rendezvous of this deponent and others enlisting at the same time was Penepeck (an Indian Name) on Neversink river in the County of Ulster and State of New York.

That within a week or ten days after this deponent's enlistment this deponent having marched to Albany in the said State of New York for that purpose was assigned to fill a vacancy occasioned by death or otherwise in a company commanded by Lieutenant Samuel Gray now and long since deceased as this deponent is informed and verily believes to be true, and of which company one Tallmage was ensign and one William McAllister orderly sergeant of both of whom this deponent upon diligent search and inquiring can hear nothing and which said company belonged to and was a part of the fourth regiment of New York militia commanded by Lieut Col. Wysenfelt late of the City of New York deceased. That the regiment to which this deponent belonged soon after this deponent had been assigned a place therein as aforesaid marched from Albany aforesaid by way of Otsego Lake and thence down the Susquehannah river to Tioga Point all in the said State of New York at which place the regiment to which this deponent belonged as aforesaid joined the army commanded by General Sullivan and immediately marched through the wilderness to the Indian Villages on the said Genesee river.

And this deponent on the march of the said army of the said General Sullivan was in the battle at Newtown Point with the British Indians and tories under the celebrated Brandt and Butler, the first an Indian Chief and the last an English Colonel. And after dispersing the Indians on the said Genesee river the same army under the said General Sullivan returned to Tioga Point and thence to Morristown in

the State of New Jersey where about the first of January 1780 after a period of nine months and upwards after this deponent's enlistment he was duly and properly discharged by a written discharge made by an officer whose name is not now recollected by this deponent and which discharge this deponent had the misfortune to lose upwards of forty years ago.

And this deponent has never been able by the most diligent search and inquiry since the passage of the act of 18 March 1818 entitled "An Act of provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War"—to find and person by whom he could prove his enlistment and services except one Mathew VanGuilder now deceased and the affidavit of whom this deponent once procured proving that this deponent enlisted and belonged to the said expedition and was known and reputed as a nine months man and which affidavit was once forwarded by the Hon. John H. Jones then first Judge of the Court of Common Pleas in and for the county of Genesee & State of New York and some time during the month of May or June 1818 to the War office and returned as insufficient in some particulars to this deponent for further proof and which affidavit this deponent together with other documents proving the services aforesaid was out of his possession about three years since.

And this deponent in the Spring of 1776 and before the enlistment and services aforesaid enlisted for the term of five months in a company commanded by Capt. John Jackson belonging to the 4th Reg. New York militia commanded by Col Samuel Drake, and which regiment belonged to the army under General Scott according to the best recollection and belief of this deponent and this deponent was in the battle on Long Island in the month of August 1776 and while he was so serving for the said term of five months and after which said five months and after which said five months service this deponent was duly dismissed. (Signed with his mark) Asa Utley

Sworn & Subscribed this 20th day of June 1826 before me. J. Riggs, Judge of Livingston Com Pleas.

Letter in folder dated January 8, 1909, written in response to an inquiry.

In reply to your letter dated the 5th and received the 6th Instant, you are herewith furnished the military history of every soldier named Utley found on the Revolutionary War pension records of this Bureau.

From the papers in claim Sur. File Nol. 14,740, it appears that Asa Utley was born August 27, 1754 and resided at Goshen, Orange County, New York when he enlisted in the Spring of 1776, in Captain John Jackson's company, Colonel Samuel Drake's 4th regiment, New York Militia; he was in the battle of Long Island; served five months.

Enlisted May 1, 1779, as Private in Captain McCracken's company, Lieut. Colonel Weissenfel's 4th regiment; New York Militia; as in General Sullivan's expedition against the Indians and in the battle of Newtown Point; discharged January 1, 1780 at Morristown, New Jersey.

He was allowed pension on an application executed June 20, 1826, while a resident of York, Livingston County, New York. He resided at Genesee same County, in 1835, and died April 13, 1839 leaving four children, John being the only one whose name is stated.

No further family data.