

### **Pension Application for Jacob Wheeler**

W.18310 (Sophia Wentworth, Former Widow) Jacob was born June 14, 1755. Jacob died November 1797. She married February 23, 1800 to John Wentworth. He died Port Gibson, Ontario County June 1, 1838.

Brief in case Sophia Wentworth formerly widow of Jacob Wheeler N.Y.

S. Wentworth (7<sup>th</sup> March 1844 before County Judge) declares she was born 14<sup>th</sup> June 1755—that at about the age of 15 years she was married to Jacob Wheeler at the house of Joshua Galusha in Shaftsbury Vermont by Rev Mr. Willoughby—well recollects date of said marriage because her father was opposed to it & a few minutes after marriage her brother came to house to forbid marriage – few persons present at marriage--& the principal ones were Galusha's family, most of whom are dead.—informed one of them is living—marriage took place in summer or fall—does not recollect day or month.

Jacob informed Dept. that in 1775 he enlisted into army—Depts eldest daughter born 22d Augt next after battle Bunkers Hill & was 20 years old when it was born.

In 1775 Jacob went out under Lt Phelps against the Tories & Indians –

Soon afater Jacob was called into service, was not at Quebeck when Montgomery was killed, but went to Canada about that time & as she understood from him.

After war resided in Saratoga Co. & in 1797 her said husband left home & soon afterwards she was informed he was dead. She never saw him again & believes he died in 1797—

Married John Wentworth on or about 23d Feby 1800. He died 1<sup>st</sup> June 1838 & she has remained a widow ever since (omitted) Dept. says her husband after re-entering army continued in actual service till the close of war & was discharged at Whitehall. Has no documentary proof of marriage or services of Jacob (certificate of Judge that dept is too infirm to appear in Court says she is Jacob's daughter & heard her father speak of his capture by Indians--& sufferings in war.

Mary Haggerty says she is daughter of Jacob—understood form parents she was born in 22 Aug 1775—always retained a lively recollection of rev war, her father was absent from home as a soldier & recollects his return home last time his service ended. Dept was then 7 or 8 years old—Depts mother married again in Feby 1800 to John Wentworth. John died on or about 1<sup>st</sup> June 1838.

Zephia Kenyon says she is youngest sister of Sophia was well acquainted with Jacob Many years. Heard of Jacobs marriage with Sophia by Elson Willoughley. Sophia was about 15 years age when she married & before beginning rev war, well recollects seeing s'd Jacob Shoulder his pack & leave home for the army—Jacob & Sophia lived & cohabited as man & wife. Depts brother Billings Starkweather is a pensioner &c.

Billings Starkweather, says he knew Jacob before his marriage with Sophia—Sophia & Jacob met privately at Galusha's house & were married, as was believed by

Depts family & whole neighborhood—resided with Jacob as his wife—marriage took place several years before beginning of revolutionary war, does not recollect particular year, was informed that for several yrs after Sophia's return home Jacob was absent in Contl service—near close of war in Spring of yr. 1 Dept & Jacob enlisted at Shaftsbury for 1 yr, under Capt Stark. Under this enlistment Dept & Jacob served together the whole time for 9 mos, & 9 days & discharged. No written discharge given. Discharged because hostilities had ceased.

Sophia then intermarried with John Wentworth who is now dead.

John Starkweather says same as Billings.

Luvinus Perry—same as John & Billings.

Sophia Wentworth says (10 May 1845) she knew Col H. R. Van Rensselaer & Jacob was in service same period of war under him—heard Jacob speak of him as such—know personally Capt Levi Stockwell—Jacob served with Billings Starkweather served under said officers—they came home in company according to her best recollection Jacob was mustered into service in summer of 1775.

Town Clks in Town of Shaftsbury & of Baptist Church testify no marriage record is to be found.

John J. Wheeler says he well remembers his father Jacob dept lived at home till he was 7 or 8 years age. List many he has always heard & understood was born in 1775 in March 1799 or thereabouts. Jacob came to [Wesbridge?] after short stay left for NY & expected to return in a fortnight—soon got news of his sickness—he & his sister went to NY. Jacob was dead 2 or 3 days—saw his grave—took possession of his clothing. Heard him speak of services.

Understood his father to say he was in service or and in Col. Ethan Allen—understood s'd Jacob served to end of war & thinks he has seen his discharge—reputed a revolutionary soldier—Sophia married J. Wentworth who died five or 6 years ago (viz 1838)