

Pension Application for Jonas Youmans

S.11919

Declaration of Jonas Youmans in order to be placed on the Pension List under the Act of Congress of the 18th March 1828.

State of New York

Steuben County SS.

On this twenty first day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty eight personally appeared in the court of Common Pleas in and for the county of Steuben and State aforesaid now sitting at the court house in Bath in said County being a court of record, Jonas Youmans resident in said county aged seventy years, and being duly sworn in open court according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration, in order to obtain the provision made by acts of Congress of the 18th March 1818 and of the first of May 1820.

That he the said Jonas Youmans enlisted for the term of nine months on the first day of April in the year 1781 in the State of New York in the company commanded by Capt Hunt (Christian name not recollected) in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Weisenfelt (his Christian name also not recollected) in the line of the State of New York on the Continental establishment; that he continued to serve in the said corps until in the month of February in the year 1782 when he was discharged from the service in the village of Esopus in the said State of New York.

That he hereby relinquishes every claim whatsoever to a pension, except the present; that his name is not on the roll of any state as far as he has been able to ascertain, and that the following are the reasons for not making earlier application for a pension, viz.

That he always supposed it was necessary to produce proof of his service and he has not been able to obtain that proof until quite recently & although very poor in 1818 & ever since yet with the little labor which this deponent even at his advanced age has heretofore been able to perform with the aid of some of his children who remained with him until married, he did not until deprived of there [their] aid & by age and infirmity rendered unable to perform much labor himself, and until this period, make any extraordinary exertions to procure proof of his service, an exertion now rendered necessary in order to save himself and wife the painful alternative of applying for relief from public or private charity.

And in pursuance of the act of the first of May 1820 I do solemnly swear that I was a resident citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818, and that I have not since that time by gift sale or in any manner disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions of an act of Congress, entitled "an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War" passed on the 18th day of March 1818; and that I have not, nor has any person in trust for me any property or securities, contracts or debts due to me; nor have I any income, other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed.

That since the 18th of March 1818, to wit, on the 27th day of July 1822, this deponent being confined on the Goal limited of the County of Steuben was discharged for imprisonment on executing as assignment of all his property to assignees for the benefit of his creditors under and by virtue of an act of the Legislature of State of New York entitled "an act to abolish imprisonment for debt in certain cases passed 7th April 1819, by John Cooke Esquire a commissioner to perform such duties.

That the age of this deponent and the consequent infirmity of his memory, it is utterly impossible for this deponent to recollect or give a detailed statement of his little effects as they stood on the 18th March 1818, except generally that it consisted of a few articles of house hold furniture, a cow & some articles of provision. That under the act last aforesaid it was made the duty of the said commissioner to file the Insolvent proceedings in the clerk's office of the county where the Insolvent was discharged, that this deponent was discharged in the County of Steuben. That he has examined the Clerk's Office of said County to find the schedule of property there assigned in order to refresh this deponents memory as to his property in 181, but that it could not be found.

Present Schedule of Property

2 Hogs \$5.50
1 set of plates \$.75
1 pail .75
1 set tea cups & saucers .62 ½
8 Bowls 1.25
1 frying pan .75
1 set of spoons 1.00
Corn on the ground supposed to be 6 bushel 3.00
1 old plough 4.00
That is due to me about four dollars.
\$17.62 ½

My family consists of myself and wife only. She is sixty nine years of age. She has been afflicted [with] the asthma for upwards of twenty years, and much of the time has been confined to her bed & under the care of a physician. She is now wholly unable to do anything. My original insolvent discharge is hereunto annexed. My occupation is a farmer. (Signed with his mark) Jonas Youmans

Sworn to and declared on the 21st day of October 1828, in open court before me. John Metcalfe Clerk.

State of New York
Steuben County SS

On this 16th day of October in the year 1832 personally appeared in open court before the Court of Common Pleas now sitting at the Court House in Bath in the County and State aforesaid being a Court of record, Jonas Youmans aged seventy four years, a resident of the town of [?] in the County and State aforesaid, 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 into the service of the United States under the following named officers as herein stated.

He first enlisted in the month of April in the year 1776 in Frederickstown in Dutchess county and State aforesaid, where he then resided under Captain Capt Comfort Lutterton, Elijah Fuller lieutenant in a Regiment commanded by Col Jacobus Swartwout, of which Hall Mott was Major and Emanuel Gabriel a Physician adjutant, marched from thence through Tarrytown to Fort Washington, thence to Fort Independence and from thence to White Plains, and was in the battle of White Plains in the month of October 1776. Gen. Washington commanded in person. Remembers of seeing there Col Meigs who commanded a corps called "Leather Caps" and also saw Col Gansevoort, both of whom were in the battle.

After the Battle of White Plains, this declarant marched with his company and Regiment to New Windsor in Orange County and was there honorably discharged on the first day of January 1777, having served nine months—said discharge has been lost.

He has no other evidence of said service, except the affidavit of Joseph Smith hereto annexed. That said Smith did not belong to Capt Luttertons company, but to Capt Pierces's—that said Smith entered the service as a substitute in August 1776, and when he states in his affidavit that this declarant enlisted at that time, he ought to have said that at that time he first saw this declarant in the service.

And this declarant further states that he again enlisted at Frederickstown in the said County of Dutchess about the first day of April 1777 into a company commanded by Elijah Townsend and Regiment by Col. Henry Ludenton-John Berry was lieutenant and Isaac Townsend ensign of said company. That he then resided in said town of Frederickstown—marched to a place called Wrights Mills in Westchester County. While there an express arrived that Gen Burgoyne was advancing into the northern section of the State and the Regiment to which this declarant belonged was ordered to Fort Montgomery. This declarant marched from thence with the regiment toward Fort Montgomery, but before they reached that place the Fort was captured by the British. This took place in October 1777. They continued their [there] march up the east side of the North river to a place opposite Esopus—and while there the British came up the river and burnt Esopus, and hearing that Burgoyne was take, they descended the river. Our Regiment marched down to Groton Pond where it remained until this declarant was discharged, which was as this declarant things about the last of October 1777. That he was honorably discharged but he's lost the same.

That he has no other evidence of the last mentioned service except the affidavit of Joseph Smith hereto annexed for three months service of the done time.

And this declarant further states that he again enlisted at Frederickstown in Dutchess County where he then resided in May 1778 under Capt Elijah Townsend for six months—that said Company was attached to Col John Drake's Regiment – that he served out said enlistment and was honorably discharged at Tarrytown in Westchester

County, but said discharge has been lost, and he has no evidence of said service nor can he obtain any.

And this declarant further states that he again enlisted at Frederickstown, where he then resided for nine months about oh last of April 1779 into a company commanded by Capt James Sackett—Col Harper's Regiment, marched to Albany—thence to Fort Edward, thence to Crown Point—returned to Albany where he was again Honorably discharged—said discharge has been lost, and he has no evidence of Service, nor can he procure any—Discharged about the first of February 1780.

And this declarant further states that on or about the first day of March in the year 1780, he enlisted into the service of the United States at Frederickstown in the county of Dutchess where he then resided into a company commanded by Capt Williams, belonging to a New York Regiment commanded by Col Weissenfelt and continued in in [sic] said company until sometime in the month of July thereafter then was transferred into a company commanded by Captain Norton, went to Orange County and there joined the Regiment.

In the fall of same year marched to West Point—thence to Albany—thence to Sort Stanwix where he was honorably discharged sometime in December in the same year—said discharge has been lost, but he has heretofore furnished proof of said service by the affidavits of Thomas Moore & Robert Moore which affidavits were handed to the Hon. John Magee for the purpose of having this declarant restored to a pension, having been once on the pension list and struck off on the ground that the service mentioned in his former declaration which was in 1781 was not in the Continental Service—the said affidavits were either put into the hands of the Pension Committee of the service, who reported a bill for the relief of this declarant and which bill passed the house, but was suspended in the Senate as this declarant has been informed in consequence of the general bill of June 7, 1832, or placed in the Pension office.

And this declarant further states that he served as a soldier in the army of the revolution nine months in the year 1781 and for the particulars of said service he refers to a former declaration made by this declarant before the Court of Common Pleas on the 21st day of October and now on file in the proper department of the War Office; and this declarant further states that he was advised by Daniel Conyer wo made out his last mentioned declaration, that the services therein mentioned could entitled him to a pension and that in consequence thereof the services in 1780 were not stated. The last mentioned services was proved by two witnesses—the affidavits were sent to the War Department, and this declarant was placed on the pension list on the 21st day of October 1828 and subsequently struck off the rolls on the ground that the services were not in the Continental line.

That this declarant was born in Dutchess County in the State of New York; at a town called Frederickstown on the 18th day of May 1758.

That he has resided at Frederickstown in Duchess [Dutchess] County for a short time after the war and moved to the town of Colchester in the County of Delaware in the State of New York and resided there for about 16 years and then

moved to the town of Painted Post since Campbell town where he has resided ever since.

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 any agency or state.

That he states names of William Wood and Daniel Conger of Bethlehem as persons who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief of his services as a soldier of the revolution. (Signed) Jonas Youmans

Sworn to & subscribed third day and year aforesaid. M. S. Ramsey Dep. Clk Steuben County.

By order of John Cook Esquire a Commissioner appointed to perform certain duties of a Judge of the Supreme Court to all to whom these presents shall come. Greeting.

Whereas Jonas Youmans of the County of Steuben did present a petition to me the said John Cook Commissioner as aforesaid praying that his estate might be applied for the benefit of all his creditors & that the person of the said Jonas might be forever thereafter exempted from all arrest or imprisonment for a or by reason of any debt or debts due at the time of making such assignment or contracted for before that time though payable afterwards & also if in Prison from his imprisonment agreeable to the act entitled " an act to abolish imprisonment for debt in certain cases passed April 7th 1819. And said thereupon appoint the twenty seventh day of July instant at my office in the Village of Bath in the said County for all the Creditors of the said Jonas to shew cause if any they had why an assignment of the said Insolvents estate should not be made & the person of the said Insolvent should not be executed from imprisonment according to the said act on his complying with such things are required of him by the said act due notice of which has been published according to law-And whereas it appears to me that the said Jonas has conformed to the matters & things required of him according to the true intent & measuring gfo the said act and the said Jonas hath executed an assignment of all his estate to William Youmans who hath duly certified the same to me I do therefore declare that the person of the said Jonas shall be forever hereafter exempted from imprisonment for or by reason of any debt or debts due at the time of making such assignment or contracts for before that time through payable afterwards and if in prison from his imprisonment.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal this 27th day of July AD 1822. (Signed) Wm Cook Com.

Sealed & delivered in presence of Howell.

I John Magee Member of Congress from the 28th Congressional District in the State of New York, do hereby certify that I am acquainted with the hand writing of John Cooke whose signature appeared to the written Insolvent discharge and that it is his proper handwriting & that he was duly authorized to perform such acts Oct 21, 1828. John Magee