

### **Pension Application for Jacob Acker**

W.2046 (Widow: Mary. This woman pensioned on account of service of former husband; See John Vanderbilt NY W.16803)

Southern District of New York

Westchester County SS.

Jacob Acker of the Town of Greensburgh in the County of Westchester aforesaid being duly sworn on his oath and examination before me on this day saith that he was a private in Captain George Comb's (1) company of Militia in the Regiment commanded by Colonel James Hammond (2) which said Regiment was attached to the Continental Army—and this deponent further saith that he amongst others of the said Captain Combs company was detached from the Continental Army there being a place called Pines-bridge in York Town in the said County on or about the first or second day of March in the year one thousand eight hundred and eighty two and put under the command of Captain Israel Honeywell (3) as a scout or reconnoitering party to examine the line of the British troops then lying at Morrisania in said County –and the deponent further saith that on their retreat from Morrisania [Morrisania] he the deponent and others then under the command of Ensign Thomas Boyce (4) on the third day of March aforesaid at the Town of New Castle in said County were attacked by a body of dragoons or Light horse and that during the said attack he the deponent received a wound from the sword of a British soldier on the head from the top sloping towards the left side and that he was taken prisoner (5) by the enemy at that time and carried to the Hospital in New York where he was kept for about the space of three months when he was exchanged and the deponent further saith that on his return immediately after his exchange as aforesaid he found the company to which he belonged disbanded and discharged from the Continental service—and was not to the best of this deponent's knowledge and belief called upon again during the war. And the deponent further saith that he hath made several applications to obtain a pension in consequence of his said wound within a few years after the close of the war but did not succeed in obtaining it in consequence of some defect in the papers presented as this deponent was informed and understood. And he further saith that the trouble and vexation that attended those applications and the want of success therein deterred him from making any further effort until his age (the deponent now being of the age of seventy two years) and his frequent total inability to work in consequence of the effect of his wound induced a benevolent friend of his to interest himself in procuring a pension for the deponent and the deponent further saith that he is not on the pension list of any State of the United States and that he never had received any pension from any State or the United States—and the deponent further saith that he hath ever since the war and now doth reside in the Town of Greensburgh aforesaid and that he is a farmer which occupation he hath pursued ever since the war and that immediately after his Exchange as aforesaid he moved on the farm he now occupies and further saith not. (Signed) Jacob Acker

Sworn the 8<sup>th</sup> day of May 1826 before me. Nathaniel Bayles, Commissioner &c

End Notes—W.2046—Jacob Acker

1. George Combs was the First Lieutenant in Captain Abraham Storm's Company (Tarrytown Company) in Colonel Joseph Drake's First Regiment of Westchester County Militia. On October 23, 1776, Gload (Claude) Requa (Requaw) was elected Captain in place of Captain Storm. Combs was promoted to Captain on June 16, 1778 in place of Captain Requa as he had resigned.
2. James Hammond was the Lieutenant-Colonel in Colonel Drake's Regiment.
3. Israel Honeywell Jr. had served as a First Lieutenant in Captain Isaac Vermilya's Company in Colonel Drake's Regiment. He was appointed Captain on June 16, 1778.
4. Ensign Thomas Boyce in Captain Combs' Company.
5. Jacob was taken prisoner on March 4, 1782 and he was released on June 6, 1782. The following were also taken prisoners. Ensign Thomas Boyce, Ensign Stephen Sherwood of Honeywell's Company, Private Archer Burgess, Private Henry Hornbeck and Private Solomon Purdy.