

Pension Application for Jacobus H. Bush

W.1546 (Widow: Hannah Fordun) Married June 1792. Jacobus died March 14, 1847

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Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress, passed June 7th 1832.

State of New York

County of Cortland SS.

On this twenty second day of February in the year 1833, personally appeared before me, Oliver Kingman, one of the Judges of the court of common pleas in and for the said county of Cortland, at the town of Cincinnatus in said county Jacobus H. Bush, a resident of the town of Solon in said county and State of New York, aged seventy six years, 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 the service of the United States, under the following named officers and served as herein stated.

That he was born, at Marbletown, in the County of Ulster, in the State of New York on the 6th day of April in the year, 1756:--

That he has a record of his age in an old family Psalm book, at home which however is now present before said Judge.

That he was living at said Marbletown, his birth place, in the year, 1776, he believes, when the Militia Company to which he belonged, was required to raise a certain number of men—The company was divided into classes, and each class was to raise a man—They drew for it, and he was drawn as one of the men to go.—

It was drafting as it was called—He believes it was in February in said year 1776—it may have been in March—There was snow on the ground at the time—on being thus drafted, he soon joined or was put into the company commanded by Captain Cortright—Lieut Lodowick Hollenbake—The company went away by Sleighing [sleighting?] and went thus on the snow a part of the way towards New York, or down the side of the river Hudson and then marched on foot to Tappan in New Jersey, where the company joined the Regiment of Col. Pawling—Col. Pawling was there in person. He believes Major Pawling, was also the Major of said Regiment—He cannot remember the names of the other officers of the Regiment—The Regiment was stationed at said Tappan during the campaign, near the English neighborhood. That he served this tour or campaign for six successive months in said company and regiment.—The service consisted in guarding the lines against the enemy.—During the said service he was in one skirmish with the enemy, near what was called the English neighborhood.—He thinks there was other troops in company during said service besides Col. Pawling's Regiment—

Thinks there was a regiment there or part of one from the county of Dutchess—but he does not remember the names of the officers—While there he remembers hearing and understanding that the main army of the Americans was on the other side of the river in the neighborhood of New York. That he served during said campaign a tour as a private soldier—That after serving for six months, he was dismissed at said Tappan, and then went home—He received no written discharge.—

That early in the spring of the year, 1777, being the same year Gen. Burgoyne was taken prisoner, he enlisted as a private soldier at said Marbletown, where he then lived, in the company commanded by Captain Schoonmaker, for the term of four months, at least, he thinks it was longer, but cannot say for certainty—That he went with said company to Kingston, where they were stationed, chiefly as a guard to prisoner which were kept there—Some of the prisoners were kept in vessels in the river and some in the jail of the village.—The company was called a company of Rangers—Some of the company, in small squads, were often sent out in the neighborhood or country, guarding the frontiers—He went over the river once, and perhaps more times, to log prison which was on the east side of the river, where some prisoners were kept—Capt. Schoonmaker went with him—they stayed there a short

time & then again returned to Kingston —He served his tour out in such services, which, as before stated, he believes was at least four months and he thinks it was over, when he was dismissed at said Kingston and went home. He received no written discharge.—

That since the revolutionary war, he lived for perhaps two years at said Marbletown his place of birth—Then to Lackawach, then at Neversink—and from thence he removed to Solon in the County of Cortland, his present residence, where he has ever since resided, which is for the last twenty six years and a few months over—

That he has no documentary evidence of his services, nor does he now know of any person or persons by whom he can prove the same, except his brothers, Simon Bush, & Henry Bush, and his sister Jemima Bush, where affidavits are herewith sent.—His said sister is now the widow Jemima Vanhuvan—

That he is known to Barak Niles and Charles Kingmen, in his present neighborhood who can testify in regard to his character for veracity and their belief of his services as a soldier of the revolution.—

That 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 the agency of any State.—

That there is no clergyman in his town or neighborhood with whom he is acquainted.—

That owing to his age, and bodily infirmities, he does not feel able to attend the sitting of the court to make his declaration—(Signed with his mark) Jacobus H. Bush.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid—And I certify the reason of his signing by making his mark is in ability to write for want of learning, as well as infirmity. Oliver Kingman, Judge of Cortland Com. Pleas.