

Pension Application for Jeremiah Carpenter

R.1713

State of New York

County of Erie SS.

On this second day of August in the year one thousand eight hundred and thirty nine personally appeared before me Jonathan Hoyt a Judge of the Court of Common Pleas and General Sessions of the said County of Erie being a Court of record, Jeremiah Carpenter a resident of the Town of Wales in the County of Erie and State of New York aged seventy nine years on the twenty eighth day of August instant—who being first by me 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 7, 1832; that he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated. That he was born in the County of Dutchess in the State of New York in the year 1760. That he has no record of his age—That when he first went into service he lived in the Town of Pittstown then in the County of Albany now Rensselaer County of the State of New York—That he lived for a number of years after the Revolutionary War in the said Town of Pittstown, afterwards in the Town of Pompey in the county of Onondaga, and for the last twenty one years he had resided in the said Town of Wales in Erie County in which he now resides—That he served in the Militia of the State of New York and volunteered as herein after stated & excepting once when he was draughted—

That the first time he was out, he was 17 years old, it was in the month of August in the year 1777, he then served as a volunteer under Major Groesbeck (1)—the name of the captain was Thomas Brown (2) of the Ensign Ezekiel Holsted—(3)

That deponent by reason of old age and loss of memory can not remember precisely the name of Major Grosbeck but he thinks his given name was Peter.

That he served as a private at that time under such officers—That he went with the same to Palmer Town (then called) in the said county of Albany and threw up a breast work; that two other companies were at the same place at the same time under Major Groesbeck. That the country was then alarmed by the excursions of the Indians and Tories and that was the reason of the troops going to PalmerTown. That he was then engaged in such service at that time one month before he was discharged.

That afterwards in the same year 1777 he performed two months duty as a volunteer & in the garrison at Fort Edward on the North River in October and November 1777, under Col. Stephen VanRensselaer (4) Captain Richard Woolsey, Lieutenant Joseph Gifford, & Ensign Ezekiel Holsted. That he performed at that time two months garrison duty and was then discharged. That in the summer of 1778 he performed three months service under the same officers in garrison and out of it at Fort Edward—then at Fort George, Crown Point and Ticonderoga as a volunteer in the militia. That Gov. George Clinton then had the command and the object of the expedition was to take the Tories and Indians under Sir John Johnson, that during that period of three months he together with about one hundred men was stationed on the East Side of the North River at one Winney. That in their last tour of service for three months he acted as corporal.

That the next year 1779, he was draughted for a nine months campaign and served nine months as a private in garrison at Whitehall. That the troops occupied a Barracks for the said nine months a stone house belonging to one Skeens (5) a Tory. That the name of the captain was John Stockham (6) and Lieutenant Curtis Hodge. The name of the Ensign he cannot recollect. That he served faithfully nine months under said officers and was discharged. That said service comm'd in May 1779. That during said period no superior officers as he recollects had the command.

That in the next year 1780, he was out as a volunteer one month under Col. Stephen VanRensselaer Captain Vanderhoff, (7) his given name he cannot recollect and Ensign Ezekiel Holsted. That he was also engaged in said last month as a private in garrison duty at Whitehall. That he did never receive any written discharge at any of the periods of his performing the above services. That all the while he was there in the service he was not engaged in any civil pursuit. That he does not know of but one man living who knows any thing personally of his services. To wit. Daniel Hicks (8) of the City of Buffalo in said county. That he was out with him once or twice and probably more times—That he lived in the same town two or three miles apart from the declarant—That excepting him he does not know of any person living who would furnish any direct proof of his services. That he has no papers or documentary proof of any kind to sustain his claim. That the following persons have been acquainted with this declarant for a great number of years and can testify as to the character of this declarant for truth and veracity and also as to their belief as to his services as a soldier of the Revolution to wit. Alvin Burt, Benjamin Earl, Ethan Allen, Hon Jonathan Hoyt, Henry B. Stevens, Silas Cole, Elias Harmon a clergyman of the Baptist Church and many others residing in the Town of Aurora and Wales in said county of Erie in the State of New York.

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. (Signed with his mark) Jeremiah Carpenter

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid before me. Jonathan Hoyt, a Judge of Erie Co. Courts.

End Notes—R.1713—Jeremiah Carpenter

1. John W. Groesbeck was commissioned First Major on June 22, 1778 in Colonel Peter Yates' Fourteenth Regiment of Albany County Militia.
2. Thomas Brown was commissioned Captain on June 22, 1778 in the Fourteenth Albany.
3. Ezekiel Halstead was commissioned Second Lieutenant in Captain Cornelius Wiltze's Company on June 22, 1778 in the Fourteenth Albany.
4. John VanRensselaer was the Second Major of the Fourteenth Albany. John was commissioned the Lieutenant-Colonel on June 22, 1778 in the same regiment. There was no Stephen VanRensselaer serving in this regiment.
5. Philip Skene, a loyalist helped General John Burgoyne with intelligence etc., in the campaign of 1777.
6. John Stockham and Curtis Hodge are unknown.