

Pension Application for Jonathan Chase

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

State of New York
Genesee County SS.

On this seventh day of February 1834, personally appeared in open court, before the Court of Common Pleas in and for said county, being a court of Common Pleas in and for said county, being a court of record and having a seal; now sitting at Batavia in said county, Jonathan Chase a resident of the town of Warsaw, in the county and state aforesaid, aged seventy three 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 7, 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers, and served as herein stated.

1. In the month of April 1776, at the town of Cambridge in the then county of Albany, now county of Washington, in the state of New York where he then resided, he volunteered into a company of minute men, so called commanded by Captain William Whiteside & Lieutenant Nicholas Mosier; in a regiment of Militia commanded by Colonel Lewis VanWort, and Major ___Austin. He was engaged in scouting in various directions from Cambridge aforesaid, for the purpose of protecting that section of country from the incursions of the Indians and Tories. The territory usually traversed by the scouting parties with which this declarant served, extended from Cambridge, aforesaid westwardly, to the banks of the North River, a distance of about 20 miles; northwardly from 10 to 15 miles; and eastwardly on to the Green Mountains, about 10 miles. He was engaged in this service until the expiration of the term for which he volunteered in the month of April 1777, having served one year; he received no written discharge.
2. On or about the first of July 1777 at the town of Cambridge aforesaid he was drafted into a company of militia commanded by Captain Cornelius Doty, & Lieutenant Peter Prine; in a regiment of militia commanded by the before named Colonel Lewis VanWort and Major Austin; He marched towards Skenesborough (now Whitehall) and was taken prisoner by a party of Burgoyne's Army and carried to Skenesborough; from that place he was carried to Fort Edward; thence to Saratoga, and thence to Stillwater, at which place he made his escape from the British Army, a few days previous to the capture of Burgoyne; and returned home about the middle of October 1777; having been in service and a prisoner, three months and a half. During the time that he was a prisoner, the command of the regiment to which he belonged was assumed by Colonel John Younglove, who commanded the same, at the time this declarant escaped from the enemy.
3. In the month of May 1778, to the best of the recollection of this declarant, Col. John Younglove, called together the regiment of Militia to which this declarant belonged at Cambridge, aforesaid out of which regiment a company of volunteers was raised, of which this declarant was one of the privates; and which company was commanded by Capt. Samuel Hodge & Lieutenant Nathan Smith; he marched to Fort Edward, and from thence to Fort Ann; and was engaged between the two last mentioned places in building bridges, repairing roads, and in scouting in various directions in the adjacent country, and was discharged to the best of his recollection, about the last of October having been in service six months. He received no written discharge.
4. In the month of June, 1780, to the best of his recollection he was drafted at Hoosack, in the then county of Albany, now county of Rensselaer, where the then resided, into a company

of Militia commanded by Capt. Thomas Brown, Lieut. Scribner from a Regiment of Militia commanded by Col. VanRensselaer other officers not recollected. He marched to Palmertown, where a guard was kept to prevent the incursions of the Indians, at which place he remained in service three weeks. He received no written discharge.

5. In the month of June 1781 at Cambridge aforesaid, he was drafted from the regiment commanded by Col. John Younglove, into a company of Militia commanded by Captain Golding and marched to Albany and from thence towards Fort Stanwix, to repel an invasion of the Indians; was met on the way by intelligence that the Indians had been defeated, upon the receipt of which the company to which he belonged returned, and he was discharged near Schenectady having been in service two weeks; he was also out at various other times in cases of alarms, for short periods of service, but from impaired memory is unable to state particularly concerning the same.

He knew General Schuyler, Col. VanSchaick, Generals Ethan Allen, & Star. He has no documentary evidence and knows of no individual whose testimony he can procure, who can testify to his service. He was born at a place called the Nine Partners, Dutchess County, New York, on the 22d day of March 1760; had a record of his age, written by his father in his bible, but which is now torn out. He removed with his parents into the Town of Cambridge New York when about eight years of age; he resided in the town of Cambridge aforesaid, and in the adjoining town of Hosack, at the time that he entered or was called into service, and continued to reside in said towns alternately for the term of about forty four years; thence he removed to the town of Fabius in the County of Cortland in the State of New York aforesaid where he resided about five years; then he removed to the town of Scipio in the County of Cayuga & State aforesaid where he resided about twelve years; then he removed to the town of Warsaw, in the County of Genesee and state aforesaid where he has resided four years; and where he now resides;

He knows of no clergyman residing in his present neighborhood who can testify as to his character for veracity; but he is well acquainted with Jesse Werden and David Gibbs, who can testify as to his character for veracity and their belief of his services as a soldier of the revolution.

Sworn & Subscribed this 5th day of February 1834 before me, Mason G. Smith, Commissioner of Deeds.