

Pension Application for Jacob Cornell

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State of New York
Greene County SS.

On this sixth day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & thirty four personally appeared in open court before the Judges of the court of Common Pleas in & for the County of Greene aforesaid now sitting Jacob Cornell a resident of the town of Coxsackie in the County of Greene & State of New York aged seventy five 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 provision made by the act of Congress passed June 7, 1832.

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

That in the Spring of Summer of the year 1780 but in what month or on what day of the month he does not recollect with certainty he enlisted as a soldier in a company of volunteers commanded by Captain John Loyd in a regiment commanded by Col. Davis – that he enlisted for the [?] of three years & continued in the service under the command of the said Captain Loyd till the war was ended making a term of three years.

That at the time he entered the service he resided in the town of Amenia in the County of Dutchess.

The first year of his service he remained with the said company at Poughkeepsie in said County of Dutchess. He then marched with said company to Fish Kill in the same county where the company remained until the close of the war.

That while the company was lying at Poughkeepsie they were drilled in preparation for service, but were not called upon to enter into any battle or engagement with the enemy—that while at Fishkill they were drilled and engaged in carrying timber & building barracks & that he assisted in fastening a chain across the Hudson River for the purpose of preventing the British from passing up the river.—that there were two or three other companies at Fishkill besides the one commanded by Captain Loyd—but he cannot recollect the names of the officers who commanded them—that at the close of the war he received a discharge from the said Captain Loyd, but he has now lost it & is unable to find it, and that he has no documentary evidence to produce of his services.

The said Jacob Cornell makes the following answers to the questions propounded to him in open court.

1. Where & in what year were you born? Answer—I was born at what was called Croton River about fourteen miles from White Plains in West Chester County in the year 1758.
2. Have you any record of your age & if so where is it? Answer—I have no record of my age.
3. Where were you living when called into service; where have you lived since the revolutionary war & where do you now live? Answer—when called into service I lived in America in Dutchess [Dutchess] County—ever since the war I have lived in the town of Coxsackie in Greene County where I now live.
4. How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer or were you a substitute & if a substitute for whom? Answer—I volunteered.
5. State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops where you served, such Continental & Militia regiments as you can recollect & the general circumstances of your service. Answer—I can not recollect the names of any officers nor any other particular circumstances connected with my service than those mentioned in my foregoing declaration.
6. Did you ever receive a discharge from the service & if so by whom was it given & what has become of it? Answer—I received a discharge from Captain John Loyd but I have lost it.

7. State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighbourhood & who can testify as to your character for veracity & their belief of your services as a soldier of the revolution. Answer—William Gay & Peter Cornell, Isaac N. Wicoff.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present & declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State. (Signed with his mark)
Jacob Cornell

Sworn to & Subscribed the day & year aforesaid in open court. William V.B. Hermance, Clerk