

Pension Application for Jacob Corwin

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State of New York

County of Suffolk SS.

On this twenty ninth day of May in the year 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Judges of the court of Common Pleas of the said County of Suffolk being a Court of record of the said County and State now sitting Jacob Corwin a resident of the town of Brookhaven in the county and State aforesaid aged eighty 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 7, 1832.

That he was born in the Town of Southold in the said County and State in the month of October about the ninth of the month but the exact day he cannot state as he has not any record of age. That he was living in Southold aforesaid which he enlisted as hereinafter mentioned and continued to reside in that town except whilst engaged in the service of his country until about twenty five years ago when he removed into Brookhaven aforesaid and has continued to reside there ever since. That he was a preacher of the Gospel until his age and infirmities prevented him performing divine services. That eh entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated.

That early in May 1776 but the precise day he does not recollect at Southold aforesaid he enlisted as a volunteer and private soldier in a company of infantry in the New York Troops of which company Jonathan Baily was Captain, David Horton was Lieutenant and Benjamin King was Ensign in a Regiment of which Col. Drake was commander and the other field officers was Lieut. Col. Hollibet and Major Hatfield in General Scott's Brigade for the term of six months. That he commenced serving immediately, that he went in a few days thereafter with his company to the City of New York by water.

That on their arrival there they were stationed in barracks at Greenwich when the whole Regiment was stationed. That this deponent was employed there in building a fort. That his business was to assist in [wheeling?] sod, that the labor was so severe and particulary as this deponent had not been accustomed to hard labor, that he was taken very sick with a fever about three months after his arrival at Greenwich. That he was at first sent to the hospital near East River. That he remained in the Hospital about three weeks during a greater part of which time his life was in great danger. That the hospital surgeon at last decided that this deponent should go to Southold to be [?] and directed him to return whilst his health be sufficiently restored. That this deponent accordingly went to Southold where he remained sick of his said disease and unable to return to his company to attend to any business until the term for which he enlisted as aforesaid had expired.

That he served out a part of the said term as aforesaid and remained during the remainder thereof too unwell to perform duty in consequence of sickness caught in the service. That this deponent never received any written discharge, but that his Captain received by the direction of the Paymaster General, (as this deponent was informed by

his surgeon Doctor Stephen Halsey who said he was present when the payment was made) full pay for this deponent during the whole of the said term of six months, that this deponent whilst in the service at New York saw a man convicted on a charge of having attempted to poison General Washington at which this deponent attended as a soldier with his Brigade with General Scott at their head.

That whilst this deponent was stationed at Greenwich, they were fired upon by three British ships of war which passed up the North River.

That it was currently reported at the time that a man who pretended to be a patriot was employed by the government to sink ships in the North River to obstruct the passage of the British ships, but that he was a traitor and sunk the vessels out of the channel and then directed the British and soldiers their vessels up the river.

That this deponent has no documentary evidence to prove his said service, but expects to prove the same by Benjamin Payne who was a sergeant in the said company and Thomas Conkling who was a private in the same company.

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) Jacob Corwin.

Sworn to and subscribed in open court the day and year aforesaid. Attest,
Joseph B. Hunting, Clk