

### **Pension Application for Jacob Cummings**

W.3417 (Widow: Mary) Married September 1790, Coventry R.I. Jacob died April 30, 1844.

State of New York

Tioga County SS.

On the 5<sup>th</sup> September 1832 personally appeared in open court before the above named Judges, now sitting Jacob Cummings, late of Jackson county of Tioga and State of Pennsylvania, now of the said Town of Elmira, aged sixty seven years & upwards who being 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 at Pittstown in the County of Albany, State of New York in the latter part of April 1780 as a substitute for his father in a company of militia commanded by Capt. Cornelius Willsey, Lieut Thomas Halsted & Ensign John Harding, was marched to fort Edward, Fort Ann, & Skeensborough (now Whitehall) in the northern part of the said state when after having been in service about a months, he was dismissed at the latter place.

About the last of August 1780 a class of about 15 men in Pittstown aforesaid were required to furnish a man for three months, when the deponent as their substitute (their names he does not recollect) enlisted in a company commanded by Capt. Joseph Dubois, & Lieut Peaks (of Schenectady) in the Regiment commanded by Col. Dubois; marched from Pittstown to Albany thence to West Point, thence to Stoney Point, thence to Crum Pond where they remained four weeks & were ordered to return to West Point, from whence after remaining a few days they were taken on board vessels to Albany, & thence to Fort Plain where they staid about ten days. Here a detachment from Dubois' Regiment was ordered to Fort Herkimer (the deponent being one of them) under command of Adj. McConnel, at fort Herkimer they were placed under the command of Capt Breadback, they remained there about a month when Capt. Dubois having arrived there took the command of them & marched with them to Schenectady where they were dismissed having been in service about 20 days over their term of three months—this was late in Dec'r 1780.

About the last of April 1781 there was an alarm in consequence of troops marching into the northern part of New York from the Canadas when he volunteered in Capt. Willsey and Lieut Halsted & Ensign Hardin & marched from Pittstown to Fort Ann & was then in service about three weeks.

Early in the spring of 1782, he enlisted for eight months at Pittstown aforesaid in a company said to be commanded by Capt. Borden, who was not with the company but which was commanded at the time by Lieut Powers & Ensign (or 2d Lieut) Dimmick under the command of Maj. Gideon Brownson and marched to Castleton (Vermont) where they remained in garrison until his said term of eight months has expired when he was discharged late in the fall.

His whole term of service in making in all fifteen months. He states that he never had a written discharge at the expiration of his periods of service. That he has

no documentary evidence of his services, nor does he know any person living by whom he can prove them.

That he was born at Willington, Windham County Conn. on the 13<sup>th</sup> Feb. 1765 has no record of his age.

That he removed to Whitingham Vermont when quite young, lived there a few years & thence to Pittstown, Albany Co., N.Y. where he remained until after the war; then to Sterling in Conn., where he lived 7 or 8 years. Then returned to Pittstown aforesaid, where he staid about 4 years; thence to Herkimer County, N.Y., where in the town of Norway, Russia, & Newport he continued 15 or 16 years; thence to Jackson Tioga Co., Penn where after remaining several years he removed to Warren County & Ohio & resided about 7 years & then returned to Jackson in said County of Tioga where he has lived in all about 9 years & where he has continued to reside until a few days past—That the Continental officers whom he knew while in service were Generals, Stark, Schuyler, VanRensselaer, Arnold, Lincoln, & Knox, and Colonels Ethan Allen & Seth Warner.

That he refers to Doct. A.G. White, Revd Simeon R. Jones, & John Waier of Southport in the said county of Tioga & Majr Seth Daggett of the Town of Jackson in the County of Tioga—Penna for the general belief in regard to his revolutionary services in the neighborhood of his former residence.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension except the present & declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state. (Signed) Jacob Cummings.

Sworn & Subscribed the day & year aforesaid. Green M. Tuthill, Clk