

Pension Application for Jacob Cypher

W.20945 (Widow: Rachel) Married Dec 1784. Jacob died Oct 13, 1825.

Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

State of New York

County of West Chester SS.

Personally appeared in open court before the court of common Pleas held at White Plains in and for the said county of West Chester now sitting Jacob Cypher a resident of the Town of Mount Pleasant in the said County and State aged Seventy one years 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 7th 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States and served as herein stated that is to say that he first entered the said service as a private in the Militia of the said County of West Chester about the middle of July 1776 in a company commanded by Capt. Jesse Baker in Coll Joseph Drake's Regiment then commanded by Lt Coll James Hammond at a time when the Phoenix and rose two British ships of war came up the North River and anchored opposite Tarry Town on the East side of the Hudson about thirty miles north of the City of New York and continued in that service stationed near the Banks of the said River in the Vicinity of TarryTown a few days more than for 4 weeks when the said ships left the said River and joined the British fleet below New York that in the beginning of the months of December then next all the American Troops having been with drawn from that part of the County of West Chester known and [?] as the American lines from TarryTown east by the way of Youngs house to the White Plains a part of the said Coll Hammonds Regiment was again called out in order to defend the Wig [Whig] Inhabitants residing inthat part of the said county from the plundering parties of the British Refugees who had taken up this quarters in the Southern part of the said County at a place called Morrissenia.

That the Militia embodied was put under the command of a Capt Lybert Acker. That the declarant was a soldier under the said Capt. Decker and served at that time from sometime in the month of December 1776 until about the first of May 1777. That the provisions and other stores were kept at Youngs House, but that he and the said Company commanded by the said Capt. Acker was a greater part of that time stationed at the House of Peter Vantassel and Cornelius VanTassel situate on the Saw Mill River Road about two miles south of Youngs house. That in the beginning of the month of May 1777 they were relieved by a regiment of Levies under the command of the said Coll Hammond.

That in the month of October 1777 when the American Troops was again withdrawn from those lines he enlisted in a ranging company commanded by a Capt. Jonathan Paulding Horton for the term of one year and served as a private soldier in the said company during that time on the said lines.

That in the latter part of the month of October 1778 the Continental Troops having again left those lines Lt Coll Hammonds Regiment was again called out to protect the inhabitants who resided there.

The declarant again entered the service as a private in the said Regiment of Coll Hammond, and served in the said Capt. Jesse Bakers company for the space of one year for which he drew pay in certificates from the State of New York after the Revolutionary War. That the declarant after that period frequently acted as a Volunteer with Parties of American Troops in exertions toward the Brittish lines but not for any stated time.

That in the early part of the Month May 1781 he with his Fathers and his brothers John and five or six others of the Militia Volunteers of the said County joined a party of about sixty Continental Troops under the command of a Capt. Fog. That they pursued a party of the Brittish Refugees who had been on a scouting party near the American lines and has taken some prisoners and hung one of them on their return near the Village of Yonkers in the said County about sixteen miles from the said American lines not being able to overtake the said Brittish Refugees as they were returning to their own quarters.

They were met by Col Delancy with a party of the Brittish Refugees consisting of about one hundred horse and two hundred foot who immediately made an attack on Capt Fog that during the action his brother John was killed his father wounded, and he and his father and three others captured. That of Fogs command three were killed that he continued to keep is men formed and succeeded in bearing off the remains of his men. At this time Col. Delancy was returning from Pines Bridge were [where] he had made an attack the night before on Col. Green who then commanded that Post. Col. Green and Major Flogg was inhumanly murdered by them with about twenty of his men and thus captured and Lt about thirty privates. That the Declarant and his Father was taken to Ne York and confined in the Sugar House with about one hundred and fifty other Prisoners and continued in that prison about eight months and was then exchanged. That the declarant further saith that he was born in that part of the said country of West Chester now in the Town of Mount Pleasant in the year 1761 as he was informed by his parents and believes to be true but that he has not any record of his age.

This declarant was living with his Father about two miles east of the house of said Joseph Youngs in what is now the town of Mount Pleasant in said County where he first entered the American Service.

The declarant further states that all his services before mentioned were a volunteer. That he never was drafted or a substitute. The names of some of the regular officers or whom he knew and with whom he served are after mentioned.

And the Declarant here by relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state, and further declares that he has no documentary evidence relating to his enlistment service or discharge in answer to the interrogatories prescribed by the War Department declarant says that he was born in that part of the County of West Chester now called Mount Pleasant.

That he has no record or evidence of his age. When called into service declarant lived at Mount Pleasant aforesaid & has ever since continued to live there. Declarant was always a volunteer as before states.

The names of the regular officers who were with the troops where declarant served are Col. Aaron Burr. Major William Hull, Col. Thompson, Col Green, Capt Fog, Col. Luddington, Col. Hammond, Col. Meigs. The general circumstances of my services are detailed in my foregoing declaration.

Declarant has omitted to state in its proper place that he has no other or further proof of his services, than by the affidavits hereto annexed and also to state that the persons to whom he is known in his neighborhood & what can testify to his character & of his service as a soldier of the Revolutionary was, are Nathaniel Fish & John Yerks of the Town of Mount Pleasant in said County. (Signed) Jacob Cypher

Subscribed & sworn to in open court the day & hear aforesaid before me. Nath. Bayles, Clk of said Court.