

### **Pension Application for Jacob Fellows**

R.3485 (Widow: Barbara)

State of New York

Oswego County SS.

On this 18<sup>th</sup> day of October 1832 personally appeared before the undersigned, one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in & for the said County of Oswego, Jacob Fellows, a resident of the Town of Hastings in the County and Oswego, Jacob Fellows, a resident of the Town of Hastings in the County and State aforesaid, aged 74 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, Viz:

In the month of June 1777 in the Town of Greenbush, being Salem Co., N.Y. I enlisted as a soldier for the term of one year, in the company of Capt. Jacob Defries in Col. Henry K. VanRensselaer's Regiment of the New York Line—I joined my company soon after enlisting & marched to Fort Ann where we were engaged about a month in making a road.

I was t[?] detached from the company of Capt. Defries & went under Capt. Scharp to Schoharie & from thence to Greenbush, where we remained but a short time & went again to Fort Ann where we had a battle in which Col. VanRensselaer was wounded in the thigh—I assisted in carrying him from Fort Ann to Fort Edward where we staid a few days & then went to Fort George which we found on fire.

From Fort George we returned to Ford Edwards & thence to Fort Miller where we tarried a short time & erected some breastworks—

From thence we went to Stillwater where we had a battle with the enemy after which we went to Saratoga where we remained until after the surrender of Burgoyne in October—soon after the Surrender of Burgoyne we returned to winter quarters at Greenbush where I remained until about the first of June where I received my discharge—

Soon after my discharge I again enlisted at Greenbush in the company of Capt. John Riley, who commanded a company of Rangers for the term of 6 months and went with him to Kinderhook, Bennington & many other places which I cannot now recollect—

I served my time out & was discharged at Greenbush, but cannot tell precisely what time I enlisted nor when I was discharged—I think I received my discharge in writing but cannot tell what has become of them.

I know many officers in the army among whom were Gen. Gates, Gen. Arnold, Col. VanRensselaer, Maj. Banker, Capt Linker, Capt. Sharp, Capt. Riley & Capt. Defries—Jacob VanAlstine was QuarterMaster to the Regiment to which I belonged—

I was well acquainted with Philip Hanor, Wm. Hanor, John A. Miller & Matthew Franklin, who were in the revolutionary war & whose affidavits are hereunto annexed.

I am also well acquainted with the Revd. William Nutting a clergyman residing in the adjoining Town of Parish & Valentine [?] a resident of Hastings, whose certificates are annexed.

I was born at a place called Nine Partners near Red Hook in Dutchess Co., N.Y. on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of January 1758—the only record of my age is contained in an old family bible and also in the Books of the Lutheran Church at Rhinebeck of which Church I am a member.

I lived after the revolutionary war at Greenbush, N.Y. until about 19 years ago when I removed to Schenectady where I lived about 10 years & removed to Charleston Montgomery County where I remained about a year & a half when I removed to my present residence in the Town [of] Hastings in the County of Oswego where I have ever since resided.

I am now old, infirm, and poor, and am not able to do any labor or attend to court.

I have never rec'd a pension, and hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declare that my name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state. (Signed with his mark) Jacob Fellows

Sworn to & subscribed the day and yea aforesaid before me, Avery Skinner, Judge of Oswego Co., Courts

Letter in folder dated January 17, 1939, written in response to an inquiry.

The data which follow in regard to Jacob Fellows were obtained from the papers in the claims under File No. R.3485, based upon his service in the Revolutionary War.

Jacob Fellows (name appears as Fellers, also) was born January 1, 1758, at Nine Partners near Red Hook in Dutchess County, New York. The names of his parents were not stated. His birth was recorded in the records of the Lutheran Church at Rhinebeck, New York, of which he was a member.

Jacob Fellows stated that, while living in Greenbush, Rensselaer County, New York he enlisted in June 1777, and served as private in Captain Jacob DeFreest's company, Colonel Henry K. VanRensselaer's New York regiment, that about a month after his enlistment, he was detached from that company under Captain George Scharp to go to Schoharie, then to Greenbush, from there to Fort Anne [sic] where he was in a battle, that he was in the battle of Stillwater, also, and at Saratoga when Burgoyne surrendered, went into winter quarters at Greenbush and that he was discharged June 1, 1778; that soon after his discharge, he again enlisted and served six months as private in Captain John Riley's company of rangers.

After the Revolution, the soldier resided in Greenbush, New York, until about 1813, when he moved to Schenectady, same state, lived there about ten years, then moved to Charleston, Montgomery County, New York, where he lived about one and one half years, thence to Hastings, Oswego County, New York.

The soldier was allowed pension on his application executed October 18, 1832, while living in Hastings, New York. He died February 6, 1856, in Constantin, Oswego County, New York.

Jacob Fellows married July 1, 1778 or 1779, Barbara Hidely then aged seventeen and one half years. They were married at the home of her father, name not designated, in Greenbush, New York. In 1838, Barbara Fellows was a resident of Constantin, Oswego County, New York, and in 1844 she was living in Camillus, Onondaga County, New York.

The following names of children of Jacob Fellows and his wife, Barbara, are shown in the claims; it was stated that there were four children older than the first-named, but their names were not given.

Mrs. Mary Craver, who in 1844 was aged fifty-seven years and living in Camillus, New York. In the same year, one Peter R. Craver, aged fifty-seven years, also, was living there; his relationship to Mary Craver not stated.

Mrs. Hannah, Ostrum, who in 1844 was aged fifty years and of Camillus and stated there were six children older than she.

Mrs. Rebecca VanAllen, who in 1844 was aged forty-seven years, of Camillus, New York and stated there were seven children older than she.

A son was referred to who had a family, and each of the daughters named above referred to brothers, but no names of some were designated, nor were the names of the husbands of the above-named daughters shown.

Reference was made in the claim to Philip and Nicholas Fellows, brothers of the soldier, Jacob, also to a brother of Jacob's wife, Barbara, who in 1838 was residing in Wet Sand Lake, Rensselaer County, New York, his name not stated.