

Pension Application for Isaac Ferguson

R.3503

State of New York

County of Dutchess SS.

On this ninth day of December in the year one thousand eight hundred and thirty three—personally appeared before Robert S. Livingston one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas of the County of Dutchess aforesaid—Isaac Ferguson a resident of the Town of Red Hook in the County of Dutchess and State of New York aged Eighty two 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. He first entered the service at Frederickstown in the County of Dutchess aforesaid, now Carmel in the County of Putnam, in the month of October in the year 1775, in the militia company to which he belonged, commanded by Captain John Crane (1) in the Regiment of Colonel Henry Luttenton. The militia were called out for the purpose of assisting at the battle of White Plains and this applicant went under the officers aforesaid. They marched as far as Northcastle church where Colonel Luttenton on account of sickness in his family left them in charge of Comfort Luttenton (2), and returned home. They then proceeded under command of the said comfort Luttenton to near White Plains (3) where they received intelligence that the battle was over and then pursuant to orders they returned to Northcastle church taking with them the stores and wounded—at this place they remained to guard the stores, three weeks, when they were discharged and this applicant returned home to Frederickstown aforesaid at which place he resided previous to and during the Revolutionary war.

In the month of December in the year 1776, all the militia in that part of the country where this applicant resided and he among the rest were ordered out for the purpose of attempting to take fort Independence near Kingsbridge—The company met on the 28th day of December 1776. They ordered to take twelve days provisions and to march on the 1st day of January 1777, and on that day they accordingly met, and proceeded under the command of Captain Nathaniel Schribner (4) in the regiment of Colonel Henry Luttenton aforesaid to Northcastle church where they joined the regiment—Here they remained three or four days and drew ammunition and then marched on to near White Plains where they joined the brigade of General Scott (5) from here they marched on to Stephen Wards fourteen or fifteen miles farther south, where they met the brigade of General Peter TenBroeck—(6) They proceeded thence south through Yonkers to Valentine's near Fort Independence where they encamped—Here they remained a few days skirmishing with the enemy in the Fort when the British receiving a reinforcement, sallied out of immediately with the intention of surrounding them—Upon this they moved on to Valentine's Hill and drove the enemy back to the Fort (7)—On this hill they remained encamped a short time and then the brigade returned to White Plains and were stationed there for some time—They then marched up to Northcastle church where they arrived about the 1st of [blot] 1777 and here they remained until April 1st 1777 when they were discharged and returned home. This applicant having been engaged in this tour of service three months—

In the year 1777 and as he thinks in the month of April he was called out on an alarm and went under Captain Comfort Luttenton to Ridgefield in Connecticut. Here they met a party of the British returning from the burning of stores at Danbury.(8) They attacked them and pursued them to their shipping and then returned to Ridgefield and remained there sometime for the purposes of guarding. In this service he was engaged, at least three weeks when he was discharged and returned home.

In the month of January in the year 1778 he was called out under the orders of General Washington (9) and was engaged in foraging under the command of John Doty (10) acting as captain in Frederickstown aforesaid and in the vicinity six weeks, when he was discharged and returned home—He received a written discharge from this service, which is lost—

In the year 1778 and as near as he can recollect in the spring he was called out to go with a flag of truce to Valentine's near Kingsbridge and went accordingly under command of Captain John Berry. (11) In this service he was engaged at least one week when he was discharged and returned home.

In the fall of the year 1778 he was again called out and went with a flag of truce under command of Captain Nathaniel Scribner to the place last above mentioned and was engaged in this service at least one week when he was discharged and returned home.

In the forepart of the month of November in the year 1778 as near as he can recollect, he was called out and went under Captain John Crane in pursuit of disaffected persons who were on their way to Joining the enemy—They succeeded in taking seventeen of them in the Highlands and brought them before the Committee of Safety. He was engaged in this service in arresting and guarding the prisoners and conveying them to prison after trial at least three weeks when he was discharged and returned home.

In the month of April in the year 1779 he was called out and went with a flag of truce under Captain Comfort Luttenton to the City of New York and was engaged in this service at least two weeks when he was discharged and returned home—In addition to the several services above set forth this applicant was very

frequently called out and went on alarms in the militia company to which he belonged, commanded by Captain John Crane in the year 1777, 1778, 1779 and 1780 to different places; mostly along the Hudson River and was kept in service sometimes two or three days sometimes a week and sometimes ten days and was thus engaged in actual service at least three months during which he was not engaged in any civil occupation or pursuit.

This applicant was born in Frederickstown in the County of Dutchess and State of New York now Carmel in the County of Putnam on the second day of February in the year 1750. He has no record of his age. He was living in Frederickstown aforesaid when called into service. He lived in the same place since the revolutionary war until in April 1806 when he removed to the Town of Red Hook in the County of Dutchess aforesaid where he has lived ever since, and where he now lives—The names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops where he served are Colonel Henry Luttenton, Captain John Crane, Captain Nathaniel Schribner, General Peter Ten Broeck, General Scott, Captain Comfort Luttenton.

He never received but one written discharge which was at the expiration of the six weeks service above mentioned and which is lost—He has no documentary testimony of his services and knows of no surviving witness whose testimony he can procure. He believes one person, Benjamin Capreuter, who knows of part of his services is still alive, but where he resides, this applicant does not know—The following persons to whom he is known in his present neighborhood can testify to his character for veracity and their belief of his services as a soldier of the revolution—Philip N. Bontsteel, Henry Staats, Jacob C. Elmendorf, Nathaniel Rowe, Frederick Barringers, Philip Pitcher, John W. Pitcher, Nathan Beckwith. There is no clergyman residing near this applicant. The one whose church he formerly attended and with whom he was well acquainted has left the United States.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present pension roll of the agency of any State. (Signed with his mark) Isaac Ferguson

Sworn to and subscribed the day & year aforesaid. Robt. L. Livingston.

End Notes—R.3503—Isaac Ferguson

1. John Crane was the Captain of the Fourth company in Colonel Henry Luddington's Seventh Regiment of Dutchess County Militia.
2. Comfort Luddington was appointed Captain on February 26, 1776 in Colonel Jacobus Swartwout's Second Regiment of Dutchess County Militia Men.
3. The Battle of White Plains was fought on October 28, 1776.
4. Nathaniel Scribner was a Captain in Colonel Luddington's Regiment.
5. Brigadier General John Morin Scott.
6. Petrus Ten Broeck was the Brigadier General of the Dutchess County Militia.
7. There was a Battle at Ward's House on March 16, 1777, but it could have been a different engagement; there were several battles and skirmishes at that time.
8. The Danbury, Connecticut raid was from April 25-27, 1777 with the Battle of Ridgefield taking place on the 27th.
9. General and Commander in Chief, George Washington.
10. John Doty would have served in the Quartermaster Department.
11. John Berry was appointed Second Lieutenant on May 28, 1778 in Captain Crane's Company in Colonel Luddington's Regiment.