

Pension Application for Isaac Filkins

R.3538

State of New York

Rensselaer County SS.

On the sixth day of November 1833 personally appeared before the undersigned a Justice of the Peace, in and for said County, Langdon I. Filkins who first being duly sworn according to law doth on his oath say that he is the son of Isaac Filkins who is according to recollection and family record is seventy eighty years of age that he is in perfect dotage having no knowledge of anything pertaining to memory so far as to be incapacitated from transacting any business whatever and can give no account of past events and that his wife & mother if this deponent is seventy four years of age is infirm and unintelligible and does not do any business nor take any care for a being that they both reside with this deponent and depend on him for support and understanding by his father & mother from his recent recollections as well as from other sources that his father was a soldier in the Revolution in the service of the United States but not being able now to obtain any information from his parents makes this declaration in order to obtain on his father's behalf the benefits of the law of Congress passed June 7, 1832, depending on direct testimony to [?] the claims and this deponent is twenty eight years old. (Signed) Landgon I. Filkins

Subscribed & sworn to the day above written before me.

Lewis J. Waterbury Justice

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On the sixth day of November 1833 personally appeared before the undersigned a Justice of the Peace in and for said County John Filkins of Nassau in said County aged sixty seven years who first being duly sworn according to law doth on his oath say that his brother of Isaac Filkins named in the above affidavit of Langdon I. Filkins that he is neighbor to him knows that the facts set forth in relation to him and his wife and him and that said Isaac labors under a paralytic affection which has rendered him almost to a State of [?] and that said Langdon is his son as stated by him and that said Isaac & wife live with him and [?] their support from him and this deponent further saith that his father and family together with said Isaac in the year 1775 resided at Clinton in Dutchess County that on the first of August 1775 said Isaac enlisted into the service of the United States for five months under Captain [Teller?] in Colonel Graham's Regiment and as he believes in General Scott's Brigade that he went into said service and was absent till the first of January with the exception of a short time (does not particularly recollect how long, 5 mo) when he was at home sick & as he then understood & still believes once furlough.

That in the winter following said Isaac removed to what is now Nassau in Rensselaer County aforesaid and that in the Spring of 1776 information was communicated to his father that said Isaac was gone into the service for six months that he was first drafted and then enlisted for six months and that his brother Peter

Filkins went to Nassau & carried his wife & children to his fathers in Clinton aforesaid where they remained till after the term of his service had expired and then his wife & children again returned to Nassau and as he then understood & still believes he served the full term of six months but does not recollect the precise time when it was said said [sic] Isaac entered or left the service at this engagement nor the officers under whom he served.

And this deponent further says that in the year 1777 he understood and believes that said Isaac was in two alarms at one of which he was at Saratoga at the time of the battle of Bennington and the other at the time the British fleet sailed up the Hudson river to Red Hook burned Kingston &c that he was at Red Hook on that occasion.

That in the year 1800 he this deponent moved to Nassau aforesaid and have ever since resided within a mile of said Isaac and that from frequent conversations with him as well at [blot] when seeing him immediately after his service was rendered as since living in [blot] [the following is on the next page] frequent conversations with him on seeing him soon after the rendition of his service that in both said alarms he served three months and some days but how many cannot be certain but thinks and further that said Isaac Filkins according family record and tradition was born on the first day of June 1755. (Signed) John Filkins

Subscribed and sworn to the day above written before me and I do hereby certify that it appears to me satisfactory that John Filkins who has subscribed & sworn to the above is a credible person. Lewis J. Waterbury Justice

Letter in folder dated February 13, 1933, written in response to an inquiry.

Reference is made to your letter of February in which you request information relative to Isaac Filkins, a soldier of the Revolutionary War.

You are furnished herein the history of Isaac Filkins, the only soldier of that name found in the Revolutionary War records of this office, the data of which were obtained from the papers on file in pension claim, R.3538, based upon; his service in the Revolutionary War.

The records show that Isaac Filkins was born June 1, 1755; the place of his birth and names of his parents are not shown.

On November 6, 1833, soldier's son, Langdon I. Filkins, aged twenty-eight years and a resident of Rensselaer County, New York, with whom the soldier Isaac, and his wife aged seventy-four years (name no stated) lived, made application as soldier's guardian for the pension that might be due his father.

It was alleged that Isaac Filkins, while residing with his father and family in Clinton, Dutchess County, New York, enlisted August 1, 1775, and served five months as a private in Captain Teller's company, Colonel Graham's New York regiment; that he moved the following winter to Nassau, Rensselaer County, New York, and that in the spring of 1776 enlisted and served six months as private in Captain Aaron Ostrander's New York company; also that he served on two alarms in 1777 of "three

months and some days”, names of officers not stated; one of the alarms was at the time of the battle of Bennington and the other at the time of the battle of Kingston.

The claim was not allowed as proof of six months’ service was not furnished as required by the pension law.

Isaac Filkins died February 5, 1834, place no stated. His wife survived him.

In 1833, John Filkins, soldier’s brother, was aged sixty-seven years and residing in Nassau, New York, where he had resided since 1800; another brother, Peter Filkins, was referred to, also.

There are no further family data in the claim.