

Pension Application for Jacob Fonda

S.10687

State of New York

Montgomery County SS.

On this nineteenth day of September 1832 personally appeared in open court before the judges of the Court of Common Pleas of said county now sitting Jacob Fonda a resident of Mayfield in the County of Montgomery and State of New York aged seventy one years & up, 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 7th 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated. That he enlisted in the town of Hoosick in the State of New York during the revolutionary war. That on the twelfth day of August in the year 1778 he turned out or volunteered to go in the service of the United States for two months. That he went to fort Edward was discharged at the end of two months which was in October on the 12th day as he thinks. Thomas Brown (1), was Captain. Jacob Van Ness, J, Eldred Fonda, was first and second Lieutenants J. Gamaliel Waldo was ensign, Col Peter Yates, Lieut Col. John Van Rensselaer & Major John W. Grosbeck commanded regiment in which he was in. In the year 1779 in the fore part of summer in June he thinks volunteered and or turned out so long as he should be wanted out & would be necessary to repel the incursions of the British & Indians. That he continued in service till October was at Fort Edward. In the year 1780 volunteered in the month of June marched to Lake George was at Fort Edward, was in service this year till the month of October. In the year 1781 in the month of July turned out and volunteered & went to Fort George, Fort Edward & Granville and turned out and served there some time in the fall as near as can be recollected in the month of November. In the year 1782 was out about two months in the summer of said year went to fort Edward and served two months. That he resided within a day march of the places and forts where he served & marched and remained. That the British and Indians was in the almost constant habit of plundering the country and killing the inhabitants from the spring of the year till fall or as long as the lakes and waters at the north were free from ice so that they could come down Lake Champlain from Canada—That in the year 1779 when he was in said service he was stationed at Fort Edward. That during all his services he was under the same company and regimental officers mentioned at the time. He was first in June in the year 1778—That he has no documentary evidence of his service. That he was born in Watervliet in the County of Albany & State of New York in the year 1761 on the 14th day of March. That he has no record of his age—But John Dillenkake has a family bible in which his age is recorded. Lived in the said town of Hoosick when called into service. Has lived there since the revolutionary war till the year 1794 since which time he has lived in the said town of Mayfield in Montgomery County & said State of New York & where he now lives. That he was told by his officers that he was turned out and that he did volunteer when it was necessary to defend the country as aforesaid – supposed that he went [?] and stay as long as he was ordered—and upon that he volunteered as aforesaid--General Schuyler (2) recollects though he was not with the troops with which he served recollects Lewis Van Woert (3) a colonel who commanded a regiment with which he was a part of time does not recollect any others more than recollected except Col. Webster (4) who was at Lake George, Col. Warner (5) he thinks commanded at Fort George when he was there. Never received any discharge from service. That he is known in this present neighborhood to the Reverend Jeremiah Wood and John Dillenkake who can testify to his character for veracity and their belief of his services as a soldier of the revolution. That he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever for a pension or annuity except the present an declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state. (Signed) Jacob Fonda

Sworn to & Subscribed in open court, 19th September 1832. Geo. D. Ferguson, Clerk.

Letter in the Pension Folder, dated March 12, 1936, written in response to an inquiry.

Reference is made to your letter in which you request the records of Jacob and John Dowe Fonda, of New York, soldiers of the Revolutionary War.

Because of the great demand for Revolutionary War data and the limited trained clerical force available for furnishing such information, it is not possible to comply in full with each request for Revolutionary War data. The record of Jacob Fonda is furnished herein as found in pension claim, S.10687, based upon the military service in the Revolutionary War of that soldier.

Jacob Fonda was born March 13, 1761, in Watervliet, Albany County, New York. The names of his parents are not shown.

While residing in Hoosick, New York, Jacob Fonda enlisted and served at the forts and on scouting parties on short tours as a private in Captain Thomas Brown's Company, Colonel Peter Yates' New York Regiment, also, under Colonels Lewis Van Woert, Webster and Warner in the New York Troops, as follows: from August 12, 1778 to October 12, 1778; from June, 1779 to October, 1779: from June, 1780 to October, 1780; from July, 1781 to November 1781; and from June, 1782, two months.

In 1794, he moved to Mayfield, in Montgomery County, New York, where he was residing when he was allowed pension on his application executed September 19, 1832.

It is not stated that soldier ever married.

In 1832, one Abraham Fonda made affidavit in Montgomery County, New York, and in 1833, one Eldred Fonda made affidavit in same county: no relationship of either to the soldier was shown.

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1. On June 22, 1778, the following were commissioned as officers in the Fourteenth Regiment of Albany County Militia: Peter Yates, Colonel; John VanRensselaer, Lieutenant-Colonel; John W.Groesbeck, First Major; Thomas Brown, Captain; Jacob Van Ness, First Lieutenant; Eldert or Eldred Fonda, Second Lieutenant, and Gamaliel Waldo as Ensign.
2. Major General Philip Schuyler of the Sixteenth Regiment of Albany County Militia.
3. Lewis VanWoert was the Colonel of the Sixteenth Regiment of Albany County Militia.
4. Alexander Webster was commissioned Lieutenant-Colonel in Colonel John Williams' First Regiment of Charlotte County Militia. He was appointed Colonel on March 4, 1780 in place of Colonel Williams who had been removed from office for mal-conduct. Colonel Webster resigned on March 29, 1781.
5. Colonel Seth Warner of the Additional Continental Regiment. This regiment served from Fort George at Lake George and to Fort Edward.