

Pension Application for John Forgison

W.4954 (Widow: Mary)

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

State of Ohio, Cayahoga County SS.

On this 23d day of February AD 1833 personally appeared before Simeon Fuller one of the Associate Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in and for said County John Forgison a resident of [Chagine?] in the County of Cuyahoga and State of Ohio aged 76 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 7th 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated.

That he was born in Weschester [Westchester] Weschester County in the State of New York in the year 1756 he has no record of his age.

That before the breaking out of the war he removed with his father to the County of Orange at a place called Kakaat.

That his older brother Thomas Forgison enlisted or volunteered in the year 1775 for 9 months under General Montgomery and went in his expedition to Quebec his time of service expiring whilst the troops were in Canada he again enlisted for one year.

That on the return of the troops in the summer of 1776 he this deponent (he thinks in the month of July) entered into the service in Capt Johnsons Company as a substitute for his brother Thomas and served six months which was the remainder of the term of his brother's enlistment.

That the term of service expired in Jany 1777.

That he was regularly and honorably dismissed but did not receive a written discharge.

That the troops were employed in guarding the North river on the west side.

That he was in no regular Battle but in small skirmishes frequently

That the company in which he served were at a place called Nyack about 40 miles above New York at the time of the battle of White Plains.

That in the month of September in the year 1777 he enlisted into Capt Gardens Company of New York State Troops for a time of three months.

That his service was the same as the year before in guarding the shore of the North River.

That he was discharged the first day of January 1778.

That during the five following years he was frequently called out in the militia on alarms, sometimes out for five days sometimes two or three weeks and employed in the same service of guarding the River.

That the inhabitants along the river were kept in almost a continued State of Alarm by the depredations of the British, the Reffuges [refugees] & Tories.

That eh faithfully served the Country as a soldier in the militia as aforesaid he thinks at the different times as much as a term of two years, which with the two other terms of service above stated will amount to a time of two years & nine months.

That he has no documentary evidence and that he knows of no person now living whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service.

That in the year 1809 he moved from the County of Orange to Seneca County & State of New York.

And in the year 1824 he removed to Chagrin Cuyahoga County & State of Ohio where he now resides.

That he is known to Deliverance Brown & James Stafford who reside in his neighborhood who can testify to his veracity and their belief of his services as a soldier of the Revolution.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the Pension Roll of the Agency of Any State. (Signed) John Forgison

Sworn to and Subscribed the day & year first aforesaid before me. Simeon Fuller Associate Judge

Letter in folder dated November 1, 1939, written in response to an inquiry.

Reference is made to your letter relative to John Furguson, a soldier of the Revolutionary War.

The data contained herein were obtained from the papers on file in the Revolutionary War claim for pension, W.4954, based upon the military service in that war of John Forgison.

John Forgison, the name is also shown as Ferguson, was born December 25, 1758, in Westchester, Westchester County, New York. The names of his parents are not stated. Before the beginning of the Revolution, John Forgison moved with his father to "Kakaat", Orange County, New York.

While residing there John Forgison enlisted in July 1776, served as a substitute for his older brother, Thomas Forgison, as private in Captain Johnson's Company, Colonel BERT Cooper's New York Regiment, was in several skirmishes, and was discharged in January 1777. John Forgison enlisted in September 1777, served as private in Captain John Gardner's Company, Colonel Gilbert Cooper's New York Regiment and was discharged January 1, 1778. During the following five years he served at various times, amounting to two years in all, as private in the New York troops, names of officers are not given.

In 1809 he moved from orange County, New York, to Seneca, Ontario County, New York, and in 1824, he moved to Chagrin, Ohio.

He was allowed pension on his application executed February 23, 1833, at which time he was a resident of Chagrin, Cuyahoga County, Ohio.

He died April 5, 1841, in Willoughby, Ohio.

Soldier married January 20, 1791, in Newburgh, Orange County, New York, Mary Campbell, his second wife. The name of soldier's first wife, date and place of their marriage and the dates and places of her birth and death are not shown.

Soldier's widow, Mary Forgison, was allowed pension on her application executed February 28, 1844, at which time she was seventy-seven years old, and residing in Willoughby Township, Lake County, Ohio, with her son, Gabriel Leggett Forgison.

Barbery Forgison, daughter of soldier and his first wife, was born April 19, 1786.

The following names of the children of John and his wife, Mary Forgison are shown:

Anne Forgison born August 5, 1791.

Hezekiah Forgison born January 20, 1793.

John Forgison born September 5, 1794.

Catheren Forgison born September 15, 1796.

Martha Forgison born August 3, 1798.

Findly Forgison born August 2, 1800.

Mary Forgison born August 9, 1802.

Gabriel Leggett Forgison born June 18, 1804.

Jane Elise Forgison born January 13, 1807.

Marget Forgison born October 28, 1808.

Mervin Forgison born December 26, "1801".

In 1844, said Hezekiah, was of Willoughby Township, Lake County Ohio.

Said Hezekiah, had an uncle, Gabriel Forgison, his age and residence not stated. There are no further family data.