

Pension Application for Jacob Gaudinier

S.15583

Declaration. In order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7, 1832.
State of Ohio
Cuyahoga County SS.

On this seventh day of November AD 1832 personally appeared before the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas now sitting in and for said county Jacob Gaudinier a resident of the township of Orange in the County of Cuyahoga, and State of Ohio aged 74 years who first being duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act passed the 7th June 1832.

That he was born at Charlestown in the County of Montgomery in the State of New York on the 4th of April AD 1758, and that there is no record of his age to his knowledge. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers, and served as herein stated.

That at said Charlestown his native place the year after Burgoyne was taken, sometime in the spring of that year, he enlisted as a volunteer in a company commanded by one Capt Garrett Putnam, one Dickenson whose Christian name he cannot recollect. I enlisted in said company for the period of nine (9) months and I faithfully served therein until the time of my said enlistment expired.

During his service in said company under said enlistment said company was stationed at a Picket Fort, in what is now Johnstown in the County of Montgomery, State of New York, at Fort Plain which is now Canajoharie in said state, at Fort Hunter in his native town of Charlestown, at Fort Stanwix which is now "Rome" in said State, those places were at that time patriotic garrisons.

The services of the said Regiment constitutes in the defense of the said garrisons, and its companies engaged during the period in frequent scouting parties, and had frequent skirmishes with the tories and Indians, in many of which he participated, there was no battle of any note, except the one which took place soon after his enlistment at Johnstown, called at the time the Johnstown battle in which the greater part of Col. Willett's Regiment including the company to which he belonged, encountered a large party of British and Indians under the command of Majors Ross and Butler.

That in the next year, which was the second year after Burgoyne was taken in the spring of the year, He enlisted as a volunteer in a company commanded by one Capt. Woodruff, whose Christian name he cannot remember, this company belonged to the same Regiment under the same Col. Willett to which his company belonged in the year before, this second enlistment was for the period of nine (9) months, which period he served as a soldier in the said company until it was fully completed. During this time his said company with the said Regiment was stationed at the same parts and were employed in the same services as mentioned in his first inlistment.

During the period of his second inlistment there were two engagements with the enemy, [???

While his company was stationed at Fort Herkimer about harvest time a part of his company including himself went out on a scouting party himself went out on a scouting party to the number of 36, up West Canada Creek, which empties into the Mohawk River near Fort Herkimer when about 18 miles up this creek, at a place called the "Royal Grant" his party fell in with and was surrounded by a large body of Indians, and the whole of the party – including Capt. Woodruff, was taken by the Indians and massacred, excepting himself, and two others who returned to the Fort soon after this event, he marched with his company, to Fort Stanwix, soon after his arrival at this Fort it was surrounded and besieged by a large body of Indians which were beaten off. This was at the time, when Fort Herkimer was marching to Fort Stanwix with a body of Militia, to reinforce the garrison here and while on his way near Fort Stanwix, Genl Herkimer was attacked by the Indians, a warm engagement ensued in which General Herkimer was wounded 300 of the forces in the garrison at Fort Stanwix, including himself on hearing the report of Genl Herkimer's engagement, marched out up Fort Stanwix, to reinforce Genl Herkimer and about a mile from the Fort full in with a large body of Indians attacked them and put them to flight and from whom were retaken a number of American prisoners.

He received regular discharges, he thinks in writing and from the said Col. Willett [?] the expiration of his said terms of enlistments, but which have been lost or destroyed, in a manner unknown to him, at this time. He has no documentary evidence of his said services, nor does he know of any living witnesses, by whom he is able to prove his said services.

He is well acquainted with Caleb Alvord and Caleb Leach, residents of said Orange, being his fellow townsmen.

Since the Revolutionary war, he has resided in different places in the state of New York around to the township of Orange my present place of his residences, about 13 years ago, where I continue to reside. 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 with his mark) Jacob Gaudinier

Sworn and subscribed to November 7th 1832 in open Court. Horace Perry,
Clerk Com. Pleas