

Pension Application for Jacob Hauser

R. 4754

State of New York

Madison County SS

On this sixth day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & thirty three, personally appeared in open Court before the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas, in & for the said County of Madison, now sitting, Jacob Hauser, a resident of town of Sullivan, in the County of Madison & State of New York, aged sixty seven years on the first day of August last past, 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 & served as herein stated.

That in the month of September or October in the year 1777, at Herkimer, in the State of New York, he was enrolled in the Malitia [militia], into the company of Captain Frederick Getman, belonging to the regiment of Colo. Peter Bellinger—Frederick Bellinger was Lieut Colo in said regiments.

That after said enrolement [enrolment] he was called out into service & was stationed at Fort Herkimer in the State aforesaid, when he was taken prisoner by the Indians.

This was in the month of July or August in the year 1778—That he was taken to Niagara & then to Canada.

Was with the Indians four years & nine months & then ran away. His father was killed by the Indians at Herkimer aforesaid, in 1779, in July & scalped. His brother was not taken prisoner at the same time—The Indians took his father's scalp to Canada, with his brother, & then exhibited to him the scalp of his father, & told him he would see his father again.—

They put the scalp upon the top of a staff & held it up to him.—That he was tomahawked by the Indians three times—The scars are now visible on his hand—This was at the Cayuga Lake.—He there ran the gauntlet as it was called, three times.

The rims of his ears were out [?] & took from the pain part & filled with lead. That he ran away from the Indians in the month of December 1784 with a young lady from Virginia who had been with the Indians about two years by the name of Betsey Jones—Her sister had married a British officer by the name of David Service, who resided at Niagara—He took a horse, saddle & bridle from the Indians—the young lady rode behind him upon the horse. He left the lady at her sister's Mrs. Service—

That he was retaken by the Indians & taken to [Jamestown?] That he got the Indians drunk with liquor which he purchased with the money he had received for the horse which he took from the Indians & had sold. That he was retaken again & taken to the Two Mile Creek—That he again got the Indians drunk & made his escape.

That he crossed the Niagara River & went into the country until spring.

That in the spring he happened to come in contact with the Indian chief whose prisoner he had been, & was then delivered up as a prisoner of war to Colo Aaron

Hayat. That he remained at Niagara about one year, & was a waiter for Saml Sturt. Colo Hayat gave him a pass & he came home to Herkimer by the way of Lake Ontario & Oswego—That he was gone from home six years & nine months.

That he has lost his pass—and has no documentary evidence relative to his services.

That he knows of no other person whose testimony he can procure as to his services &c., other than what is hereto attached.

That he recollects Timothy Frank & Frederick Frank officers at Herkimer.

That he recollects Colo VanRansselaer & Capt Cherry. That he cannot state the names of his officers or the particulars of his service other than what is herein stated.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, & declares that his name is not on the pensioned roll of the agency of any state. That he is well known by Joel G. Down, Daniel Hickoc, Benj. Frank & Harris Hecock who reside in his present neighbourhood & who can testify as to his character for veracity & their belief as to his services & circumstances herein before stated.

That he was born on the 1st day of August 1765, in Germany in the City of Brussels—That he has a record of his age at his residence. That he was living in Herkimer when he entered the service—since the Revolutionary War he has resided in Herkimer aforesaid several years—In the County of Onondaga about thirty years & in Sullivan aforesaid about seven years. That he volunteered—That he never received a written discharge. (Signed) Jacob Hauser

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid before me. A. S. Sloan Clk.