

### **Pension Application for Jacob W. Hilton**

W.19788 (Widow: Mary)

State of New York

Greene County SS.

On this third day of September 1832 personally appeared in open court before the Judges of the Court of common Pleas of the said County of Greene and State of New York Jacob W. Hilten a resident of the Town of New Baltimore, County of Greene and State of New York, aged seventy five 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 7, 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein sated, that he was born on the 19<sup>th</sup> February 1757 agreeable to the family record at the City of Albany in the State of New York.

That in the month of August 1775 there was a detachment of the militia to go to Lake George that this deponent then being a resident of the said City of Albany and belonging to a company of militia under Captain Goresbeek (now deceased) went in the said detachment under Captain Groesbeek to Fort George and was there stationed at which station Col. Peter Gansevoort had the command in this company this deponent was in the service of the United States three months to wit from August to November.

This deponent further saith that in the year 1776 a short time before Harvest he then being a resident of the City of Albany was drafted for three months to go to Schoharie, that pursuant to this draft he went into the service of the United States under Captain Isaac Defreest and Lieutenant Barney Hallenbeck (both deceased) and was stationed at Schoharie in the then County of Albany and State of New York at which station Col. Vrooman had the command in this campaign this deponent served out the time for which he was drafted to wit three months.

In the first of May 1777 this deponent then being a resident of the City of Albany [blot] was drafted for there months to go to the western part of the State of New York to oppose Genl Burgoynes army and pursuant to this draft he went into the service of the United States under Captain John Price and Lieutenant Abraham Cuyler (both now deceased), and was stationed at Fort Edward in said state and in the command of Genl Schuyler. In this campaign this deponent served out the time for which he as drafted to wit three months.

That early in the month of August 1777 a few days after he served out his draft of three months as last stated he being a resident of the said City of Albany entered into the service of the United States as a substitute for Orley LeGrange, Isaac Lansing, and William Faulkner, who were classed and had to turn out a man for three months service, that the said John Price was Captain and John Cole was Lieutenant of the company (now deceased) that they marched towards Fort George, the American Army then under the command of Genl Schuyler being on the retreat and joined about two miles from Fort Edward, and deponent continued with the army and in the said company until after the Surrender of General Burgoione, and after the surrender he

continued in service and went in a detachment to New Windsor and was then discharged in November and arrived home in Albany the 20<sup>th</sup> November that in this last campaign this deponent served out the full time for which he entered the service to wit three months.

That about the middle of July 1778 there was a draft from the company to which he belonged in the City of Albany where this deponent then resided to go to the Western part of the State of New York to oppose the Indians that this deponent not being drafted entered in the company of drafted men as a volunteer that Matthew Fisher was the Captain and John Cole was Lieutenant of the company that the company marched to the west from Albany to Fort Plain on the Mohawk River and was then stationed under the command of Col. Marinus Willet and after some time Col. Willet left the station and went to Fort Stanwix and the command then devolved on Col. Brown. In this last campaign this deponent served three months from the time he left Albany until he returned home to the City of Albany taking one or two days.

That about the middle of August 1779 this deponent then residing in the said City of Albany and belonging to a Company of Militia commanded by Capt John Price was drafted for three months and marched to Fishkill in the State of New York under the command of the said Captain John Price. Lieutenant John Scotland Ensign VanSchaick, and the company to which deponent belonged when he arrived [sic] at Fishkill was attached to a Regiment commanded by Col. Dubois and that this deponent remained in the said Company and in the service of the United States, and served out the said term of three months and was discharged at Fishkill aforesaid. That the detachment of the army to which deponent belonged in this last service was commanded by General George Clinton—that the whole time deponent served as aforesaid was one year and six months lacking two or three days. That he never received any written discharge and that he has no documentary evidence. That he has made particular urgency to ascertain whether any of the officers or soldiers with whom he served are living and that all concerning whom he has any information are dead and that he has no surviving witness of his services aforesaid to his knowledge.

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) Jacob W. Hilten

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid in open court before me. Wm. V.B. Heermance, Clerk.

Letter in folder dated February 21, 1938, written in response to an inquiry.

Reference is made to your letter in which you request information in regard to Benjamin Bennett, who was killed in the battle of Minisink, Orange County, New York and whose wife was Mary Hosier, also, the record of \_\_\_ Hilton, listed as a Revolutionary War pensioner of New Baltimore, Green County, New York.

A search of the Revolutionary War records has been made and no claim for pension or bounty land found which was made in the United States based upon service, or death in service of the Benjamin Bennett cited by you. The record of Jacob

W. Hilton, the pensioner of New Baltimore, Greene County, New York, is furnished herein as found in pension claim, W.19788.

Jacob W. Hilten (as he signed his name) was born February 19, 1757, in Albany, Albany County, New York; the names of his parents are not shown. He resided on Beaver Street in Albany, New York, during the Revolutionary War.

He belonged in the summer of 1776 to Captain Groesbeck's company of militia, was called out in August, served three months in Captain Groesbeck's company, Colonel Peter Gansevoort's New York regiment on the expedition to Fort George; he enlisted again in 1776, and served three months in [Spoor?] of Aaptain Isaac DeFreest's New York company, a part of the time at Schoharie; he enlisted May 1, 1777, and served three months in captain John Price's company, shortly afterwards, re-enlisted in that same company and served in the campaign against General Burgoyne, went to New Windsor after General Burgoyne's surrender and was discharged there November 20, 1777; he enlisted about the middle of July 1778 and served almost three months in Captain Matthew Fisher's company, Colonel Marinus Willett's New York regiment, on the expedition against the Indians; he enlisted about the middle of August 1779 and served three months in Captain John Price's company, Colonel Dubois' New York regiment, stationed at Fishkill, New York, where he was discharged.

Jacob W. Hilton was allowed pension on his application executed September 3, 1832, at which time he resided in New Baltimore, Greene County, New York. He died March 10, 1829, at Coxsackie (adjoining New Baltimore), New York.

The soldier married August 7, 1781, in Albany, New York, Mary Pemberton, who lived in Albany. She was born June 17, 1760; the names of her parents are not shown. They were married by the Minister of the Dutch Reformed Church of Albany.

Mary Hilton (as her name was born on the pension roll) was allowed pension on her application executed March 20, 1843, at which time she resided in Coxsackie on the Hudson River. She died there April 2, 1847.

The names of the children of Jacob W. Hilton and his wife, Mary, are shown as follow:

William Hilton born January 12, 1783.

Sarah Hilton born July 15, 1785.

William Hilton born February 15, 1886.

Margaret Hilton born February 15, 1786.

Richard Hilton born September 29, 1793.

Tobias V. Cuyler Hilton born November 28, 1799.

Peter Q. Hilton born February 4, 1802.

In 1849, Cuyler Hilton (as he signed his name) a resident of New Baltimore, New York, William Hilton of Schoharie, New York and Sally [Spoor?] of Albany, New York, were the only surviving children of the soldier, Jacob W. Hilton and his wife, Mary.

In 1843, Derick Hilton who was a resident of Bethlehem, Albany County, New York; he was born November 12, 186[3?]. He was a cousin of Janet W. Hilton, the

soldier, and lived in Albany, New York, during the Revolutionary War, and served from Albany. The names of his parents are not shown.

In 1842, Catherine Fryer, who was born January 21, 1764, was a resident of Albany, Albany County, New York. She stated then that she was married October 6, 1784 to Isaac I. Fryer, the soldier's nephew, and that they all lived as neighbors in Albany, New York