

Pension Application for James Jackson

R.5528 (Widow: Sarah) Married April 19, 1781 at Spencertown. James died March 26, 1816.

State of New York

County of Herkimer SS.

On this fifteenth day of June in the year one thousand eight hundred and thirty seven personally appeared before me Richard Herendeen one of the Judges of the County Courts of the County of Herkimer & State aforesaid the same being a court of record according to the laws and constitution of said state, Sarah Jackson a resident of the Town of Fairfield in the said County of Herkimer aged seventy seven years and upwards who being first duly sworn according to law doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed July 4, 1836.

That she is the widow of James Jackson late of the said Town of Fairfield in said County deceased who at first was a sergeant in the service of the United States in the revolutionary war and who subsequently was an adjutant in said service; and that he received a Commission as such adjutant aforesaid bearing date March 30th 1781; and which said Commission is hereunto annexed and has always since been kept by this deponent since the death of the said James Jackson and was kept by him during his lifetime, and this deponent saith that the following is an account of the revolutionary services of the said James Jackson, according to the best knowledge information and belief of this deponent that is to say; as this deponent was informed by the said James Jackson and believes true he the said James Jackson served at different periods in the war of the revolution and he told this deponent the different places he was at in the said service—

And that this deponent saith that she was acquainted with Col. John McKinster, who as this deponent was informed and believes, was at different time in the service; and this deponent saith that as she was informed and believes, was at different times in the service; and this deponent saith that as she was informed and believes the said James Jackson served in the Regiment under the command of Col. McKinster and as she believes for the term of three months but this deponent has no knowledge or recollection of the name of the Captain under whom the said James Jackson performed said service; and this deponent further saith that as she is informed and believes the said James Jackson was in said three months service at Bemis Heights and also that the Capture of Genl. Burgoyne at Saratoga but this deponent has no recollection whether the said James Jackson had stated to her but he was either in the Battle at Bemis Heights or in the Battle of the taking [of] Burgoyne; this deponent cannot recollect the names of any of the officers who served under Col. McKinster's and this deponent further saith that she does not recollect the time of the year he performed said three months service but she believes from the fact that the Capture of Burgoyne was in the fall of 1777 that the said James Jackson served said three months in that year and she has no doubt of it from the

circumstance that it was previous to the time he was in the service as herein after mentioned—

And this deponent further saith that the said James Jackson afterwards served in the revolutionary war on the North River near New York and it runs in her mind that he served in a regiment commanded by Col. Alden and in a company commanded by Capt. Paine but it might have been Major Paine and she thinks she heard the said James Jackson speak of Col. Alden's being there, and this deponent saith that the said James Jackson stated to her the following circumstances which took place in said service last mentioned, which was that he was stationed at a Mr. Ward's house near the lines with some others to keep guard and that one morning several and she thinks he stated six or seven British light horse men rode up to the house and demanded to be informed whether there were any d—d rebels in the house and that the men in the horse fired upon the enemy & killed one of them in the door yard and the rest of the enemy were wounded and but one made his escape to get back to the camp of the enemy.

And this deponent saith that the said James Jackson stated on his return home that when he was about to start for home the said Capt Paine wanted him to remain longer in the service but the said James Jackson told him that he had been gone into the service in a long while & he could not well stay longer and this deponent has no distinct recollection how long he served at that time but she believes he was gone into the service at that time probably three months.—

This deponent saith that she does not recollect the names of any other of the officers with whom he served as last aforesaid nor the year or time of the year in which said service was performed.

And this deponent further saith that the said James Jackson served at another period (but she cannot state the year) at Poughkeepsie as he informed her and along on the North River & Fishkill although she does not remember particularly of his speaking about serving at Fishkill any more than at any other point.

She has no recollection of the names of any of the officers who served with him in said last tour; but she has been informed & believes he served in Col. Graham's Regiment in said tour and this deponent says she heard the said James Jackson speak of John Rowland being in the service with him and she further saith that as she believes the said James Jackson served in said tour last mentioned four months but she has no recollection of the year in which said service was performed although she recollects it was in the winter and this deponent further saith that she recollects of hearing of the name of Col. Robert Livingston but she does not recollect whether said James Jackson served under him but she is informed by the affidavit of said John Rowland that the said James Jackson served under Col. Robert Livingston three months and she believes that the same is true from the fact that the said James Jackson was in the revolutionary serve at times which she cannot now give any particular account.

She only has the general impression of his being in the service but cannot state when or where or under what officers he served—but it seems to her that she heard

the said James Jackson say he served in Capt. Miller's Company but she cannot be certain about it.

And this deponent recollects that the said James Jackson was in the service up the Mohawk River the fall before and also the fall after she was married to him and that from that circumstance she believes that he was in the service in the first fall up the Mohawk in the year 1780 and that he went away from home sometime in September in that year and returned before winter and this deponent believes he served in that tour two months and this deponent saith that she has no recollection of the officers under whom he served in said tour and this deponent further saith that the said James Jackson served as adjutant in the summer & fall of 1781 up the Mohawk River and this deponent saith that the said James Jackson stated that he was in the battle of Fort Plain & that his two brothers Isaac Jackson and Robert Jackson were in the same battle and that after the battle was over Robert was missing & they made search for him in the evening & the next morning but did not then find among the killed or wounded; but afterwards she ascertained that he was living although he was slightly wounded.

She cannot honestly say whether the said battle of Fort Plain was in the year 1780 or in 1781 that is in the fall before or after she was married. She recollects that Col. Peter Van Ness was out with said James Jackson in the fall after she was married and that he served in Col. VanNess Regiment but she don't recollect the name of the Captain of the Company to which he was attached.

He the said James Jackson then served as adjutant—She cannot recollect the length of time he served in said last tour but her best impression is that he served three months and this deponent saith that the memory of her said husband's services in the war of the revolution has very much gone from her mind but still she has the recollection and belief that he served at different times in the war for two years or more and she further saith that he was a very strong revolutionary whig and very anxious for his country's liberty and was always ready to go when his services were needed.

And this deponent further saith the said Robert Jackson has been dead some fifteen years and this deponent further declares that she was married to the said James Jackson on the nineteenth day of April in the year 1781 at Spencertown in said state by the Rev'd Mr. Clark a clergyman then living in said town who then was an oldish man & is now dead as she believes and that her said husband the aforesaid James Jackson died on the twenty sixth day of March in the year one thousand eight hundred and sixteen at Fairfield in the said County of Herkimer and that she has remained a widow ever since that period as will now fully appear by reference to the proof hereunto annexed. (Signed) Sarah Jackson

Sworn this 15th day of June 1837 before me. Richard Herendeen, Judge of the Herkimer County Court.