

Pension Application for Benjamin Jansen

S.13522

Ulster Common Pleas

Of September term one thousand eight hundred and thirty two.

Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress Passed June 7, 1832.

State of New York

Ulster County SS.

On the twelfth day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty two personally appeared in open court before the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas, in and for the County of Ulster being a court of Record for said County proceeding according to the course of the Common Law, with a jurisdiction unlimited in point of amount, and keeping a Record of their proceedings, having a clerk and seal of their own, Benjamin Jansen a Resident of the town of Rochester in the County of Ulster aged seventy six 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 7th June 1832.

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

1. And the said Benjamin Jansen Declares that in the month of July he served as a private soldier for the term of "Five" months at Fort Montgomery, Kingsbridge and White Plains, was in the Battle of White Plains. That he was drafted into the said service in the town of Rochester in the County of Ulster and served in the company commanded by Captain Benjamin Kortright in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Levi Paulding of Levies of the State of New York, under General George Clinton. That the said company was discharged at Peekskill, that he did not receive any written discharge and for proof of this service refers to the affidavit of Peter Kron hereunto annexed.
2. And the said Benjamin Jansen further declares, that in the month of July in the year 1777 he was drafted and served in the capacity of a private soldier for the term of "Three" months, at Stillwater and Saratoga, was in the battles of Stillwater and Saratoga. That he served in the company of Captain Benjamin Kortright of Rochester in Ulster County in the Regiment commanded by General Morris Graham as a private soldier; and that at Stillwater and Saratoga he served in the same company. That he was discharged from the said service in the month month [sic] of October aforesaid [aforesaid] year in the town of Hurley in Ulster County aforesaid but did not obtain a written discharge, Generals Schuyler and Gates were at Stillwater and Saratoga, that for proof of this service he begs leave to refer to voucher marked (A.) herewith.
3. And the said Benjamin Jansen further declares that he served in the capacity of a private soldier in the summer of the year in the Militia Company commanded by Captain Frederick Wesbrouck Lieutenant Peter Smith both now deceased, that the said company was stationed as a frontier guard at a place called "Ashocan" in the Western frontiers of their town of Marbletown, now Olive in

the said County of Ulster for the term of two months at the House of Conrad Dubois, and was discharged at Marbletown but obtain[ed] no written discharge and for proof of the service refers to George VanVleet a living witness.

4. And the said Benjamin Jansen further declares that he served for “One” month under Sergeant Jonathan Wesbrook now deceased, that he marched from the town of Rochester through the wood to the “Cook House” in Delaware County, and brought from thence three Tories by the name of John Middagh, Hendrick, Bush, and Martin Clearwater and delivered them up to Colonel Levi Pauling in the town of Marbletown, Ulster County, and were then discharged without written discharge, that he knows of no living witness by whom he can prove this service.

And the said Benjamin Jansen here now in Open Court solemnly and sincerely declares that he has in the whole served for more than “Eleven” months—as before stated that the times when the places where and the Officers under whom the said services were rendered he cannot positively declare, but positively avers that the said services were rendered in the capacity of a private soldier during the Revolutionary War.

1. The said Benjamin Jansen declares that he was born in the town of Kingston in Ulster County and State of New York, on the sixth day of January 1756.
2. That the Record of his age is contain[ed] in the book of baptismal Records of the Minister of the Reformed Dutch Church in the town of Kingston Ulster County.
3. That when he was called into service he was living in the town of Rochester Ulster County, has lived in said County Since the Revolutionary War and lives there now.
4. That he volunteered, and was drafted—but was not a Substitute for any one when called into said service.
5. That Generals Schuyler and Gates command[ed] in the Northern Army in 1777 when Burgoyne Surrendered.
6. That he never had a written discharge from the service.
7. That he is known in his neighbourhood to [blank]

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.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid. (Signed) Benjamin Jansen
A. D. Roper, First Judge. John Jansin, Abm. A. Deyo