

Pension Application for Asahel Jaqua

S.44981

State of New York

County of Columbia SS.

On this fourteenth day of September 1824, personally appeared in open court before the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas for the county of Columbia being a Court of record, Asahel Jaqua resident in the said County aged Sixty eight years, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the acts of Congress of the 18th March 1818 and the first of May 1820.

That he the said Asahel enlisted for the term of seven months in the month of June in the year one thousand seven hundred & seventy five in the town of Salem in the County of Washington and State aforesaid in the Company commanded by Captain Joseph McCracken (1) in the regiment commanded by Colonel VanSchaick in the line of the State of New York on the Continental establishment; that he continued to serve in the said Corps for the whole of the said term for which he enlisted.

That on or about the first day of January one thousand seven hundred & seventy six he again enlisted in the same company (2) for the term of one year and performed service for the said term.

That on or about the first day of January one thousand seven hundred & seventy seven, he again enlisted in the said company (3) for the term of three years, and that he continued to serve under the last enlistment in the said Corps for about two years & six months at the expiration of which time he received at Lieutenant's Commission from George Clinton Esquire, the Governor of the State of new York in the company commanded by Captain Copp (4) in the Fifth Regiment (5) commanded by Colonel Willet. (6)

That he continued to serve in the said Corps as Lieutenant for about nine months where he was appointed as Captain in the Barrack Masters (7) department in which service he continued until the month of February 1783, when he was discharged from the said service in the City of Albany in the State of New York, that he was in the Battle of Monmouth (8) & was there wounded in the left shoulder, the left shoulder blade being broken in the said battle, which has ever since also most wholly disabled him for performing manual labour.

That he is in reduced circumstances, being wholly destitute of property except the little wearing herewith exhibited, that unless he receives relief from his Country, he will be obliged to depend upon private charity or on the provision of the Laws for the relief of paupers for subsistence, that he has no evidence now in his possession of his said services except what is herewith exhibited.

And in pursuance of the act of the first day of May 1820 (8) I do solemnly swear that I was a resident citizen of the United States on the eighteenth day of March 1818, and that I have not since that time by gift sale or in any manner disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it so as to bring myself within the provisions of an act of Congress entitled "An act to provide for certain persons engaged in the Land & Naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War passed on the eighteenth day of March 1818", and that I have not, nor has any person in trust for me any property or securities contracts or debts due to me, nor have I any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed & by me subscribed. (Signed) Asahel Jaqua

Sworn to & declared on this 19th day of September 1824 before me in open court.
Justus McKinstry, Clerk of said Court.

A schedule of the estate of Asahel Jaqua in the foregoing application mentioned.

Personal Estate

One old coat—one old vest, two old shirts, one hand kerchief & one old pair of shoes, the whole of which is not worth to exceed \$8, eight dollars. (Signed) Asahel Jaqua.

Letter in folder dated September 3, 1931, Washington, written in response to an inquiry.

You are advised that it appears from the papers in the Revolutionary War pension claim, S.44981, that Asahel Jaqua enlisted in June, 1775, in Salem, Washington County, New York, served four years as corporal in Captain Joseph McCracken's Company, Colonel VanSchaick's New York Regiment and was in the battle of Monmouth, during which battle his left shoulder blade was broken. At the expiration of that service, he was commissioned lieutenant of Captain Copp's Company, Colonel Willett's New York Regiment and served about nine months, after which he was appointed Captain in the Barrack's Masters department and continued in that service until February, 1783. (10)

He was allowed pension on his application executed September 14, 1824, while a resident of Kinderhook, Columbia County, New York. He was then sixty-eight years of age.

There are no data relative to his family.

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1. Joseph McCracken was appointed Captain of the Seventh Company on June 28, 1775 in Colonel Goose VanSchaick's Second New York Continental Regiment. There are no known muster rolls for this company in this regiment in 1775.
2. The regiment was approved to be raised to reinforce the Continental Army in Canada in February of 1776. The regiment was not considered part of the New York Continental Line and therefore it was not numbered. There again is no known muster roll for Captain McCracken's Company in VanSchaick's 1776 Regiment.
3. Joseph McCracken was appointed captain on November 21, 1776 in Colonel VanSchaick's First New York Continental Regiment. Asahel's name does not appear in Captain McCracken's muster rolls or in any other company muster rolls of the regiment. FROM: Revolutionary War Rolls 1775-1783, Series M-246, Roll 66, folder 12, National Archives, Washington, D.C.
4. John Copp was appointed Captain on November 21, 1776 in Colonel VanSchaick's Regiment. Captain Copp resigned on March 26, 1779 after a dispute with Colonel VanSchaick. Captain Copp's career in the New York Line had ended even after many officers wrote in favor of him being retained as an officer in the First New York. Captain Copp was never in the Fifth New York Continental Regiment.
5. Lewis DuBois was appointed Colonel of the Fifth New York Continental Regiment. Colonel DuBois resigned on December 22, 1779.
6. Marinus Willett was appointed Lieutenant Colonel Commandant in Colonel Peter Gansevoort's Third New York Continental Regiment on November 21, 1776. Willett was appointed Lieutenant Colonel Commandant of the Fifth New York on July 1, 1780. Again Asahel's name does not appear in the regimental muster rolls of any company for any rank.
7. This service would have been part of the Quartermaster General's Department.
8. The Battle of Monmouth, New Jersey was fought on June 28, 1778. The first New York was in this battle but his name does appear in casualties mentioned for the regiment. Captain McCracken lost his arm in this battle as well.
9. Ashel Jaques applied for a pension while living in Ancram, Columbia County, N.Y. which he states also to have been in the Battle of White Plains which was fought on October 28, 1776. VanSchaicks Regiment of 1776 was not in this battle. Assembly

Papers 23-241 listed on page 184 of Documents Relating to the Colonial History of the Colonial History of the State of New York, ed. Berthold, Fernow, Vol XV, State Archives, Vol I, Weed, Parsons and Company Printers, 1887. Asahel's pension application including the cover page is 28 pages long.

10. Asahel Jaqua does appear as a sergeant in Captain Thaddeus Noble's Company of Associated Exempts. This Company was formed by men over 50 or injured or wounded and cannot perform the usual militia service. This company represented the Kings District which would have been from the district, commanded by Colonel William B. Whiting of the Seventeenth Regiment of Albany County Militia. As Asahel was born about 1752, either there was another Asahel Jaqua or he was in this company because of his wound from the Battle of Monmouth. Captain Noble was appointed on November 5, 1778.