

Pension Application for Bill Jarvis

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State of New York

Tompkins County SS.

On this twenty ninth day of January 1833 personally appeared in open court before the Court of Common Pleas of the County of Tompkins now sitting Bill Jarvis a resident of Ithaca in the county of Tompkins and State of New York aged seventy nine 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 7th 1832.

That he entered into the service of the United States under the following named officers & served as herein sated viz:

In the spring of the year 1775 or 1776 and this declarant thinks it must have been in the former year he collected fifteen men at a place then called New Britain, in Kings district about twenty miles east of Albany where he then resided and took them to Albany where he enlisted and the said fifteen men also enlisted for the term of eight months under Captain Stephen Lush & Lieutenant Jory? Staats to guard the United States Stores deposited at Albany, and he this declarant served in the said company during the said term of eight months as orderly serjeant [sergeant] thereof.

The said company was raised for the special purpose of guarding the said stores and was not to the knowledge of declarant attached to any regiment.

Declarant continued during all the term of eight months at Albany—he was not in any engagement and there were no continental troops with the company nor did any other officers than the company officers serve with them.

Soon after he was discharged declarant went to the office of Doctor Reuben Garlick of Lanesborough in the County of Berkshire & State of Massachusetts as a student of medicine.

Directly after the battle of Hubbletown in the State of Vermont in which Col. Seth Warner commanded the Americans but the particular time this declarant cannot recollect declarant volunteered at Lanesborough aforesaid under Capt. Newell and marched from thence to Manchester in Vermont of reinforce Col. Warner and joined Warner at that place and marched from thence under his command to Allington [Arlington?] taking with us a large drove of cattle—at Allington aforesaid declarant was discharged having been in the service on this occasion more than five weeks but he claims an allowance for only five weeks service at this time as he cannot specify with precision how much longer he was at this time in the service.

He at that time saw Col. Warner but does not recollect any other except his Captain Newell before mentioned. Declarant made it an invariable rule during the war to volunteer whenever volunteers were wanted and he was out as a such volunteer under Captain Newell and under Colonel Smith of Lanesborough aforesaid several times while he resided at Lanesborough engaged in the study of medicine but he cannot specify the times nor how long he was out at each time.

During the war declarant removed to Ballston in the County of Saratoga & State of New York and there volunteered a number of times under Major Andrew Mitchell &

Captain Stephen White but he cannot state the particular times nor the length of time he was employed. As near as he can recollect he served in all during the war for the term of eighteen months and he is confident he served at least fourteen months but from the infirmities of age which have impaired his memory he is unable to specify the times & particulars of his service other than the two first instances above set forth and the one for eight months and the other for five weeks making in all nine months and one week and for this time he claims an allowance of a pro rata pension, relinquishing his claims for the other instances of service above alluded to.

Declarant was born at Danbury in the State of Connecticut in the year 1753. There is a record of his age in a Bible at Fly Creek in the Town & County of Otsego in the State of New York.

When he first entered the service he lived at New Britain as before stated, afterwards at Lanesborough and after that at Ballston as before stated. After the Revolutionary War he continued to reside at Ballston aforesaid for upwards of twenty years—then he roved to Fly Creek in the town of Otsego in the County of Ostego and State of New York where he resided above twenty years—thence he removed to Utica in the County of Oneida & State of New York where and at York Mills about two miles from Utica he resided about four years and removed thence to Ithaca in the County of Tompkins & State of New York on the first day of May 1832 where he still resides.

This declarant was never in the service as a substitute but always as a volunteer and by enlistment under Capt. Lush as aforesaid.

He cannot state the names of any other officers than he has already stated except Capt Pavel, nor the regiments with which he served.

He never received any written discharge to his recollection—He has resided so short a time at Ithace as hardly to have acquired any reputation as a fevolutionary soldier but he finds here three persons, Jeremiah Tourtillot & Arnold Burrall who have formerly known him and know that he has been reputed and believed to be a revolutionary soldier to whom he refers & Adolphus Downer of the same place.

He also refers to Daniel Johnson, Richard Davidson, John Bodger, David Marvin, Stephen North and Chester Jarvis (Post Master) at Fly Creek, in Otsego town & County, New York State, all of whom can testify to his reputation for truth and as a revolutionary soldier.

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) Bill Jarvis

Subscribed and sworn the day & year aforesaid Sam^l Love Clk