

Pension Application for Jacob N. Keator

S.13607

State of New York

Ulster County SS.

On this fourth day of January in the year one thousand eight hundred and thirty three, before me Abraham G. Hardenbergh, one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in and for said County being a Court of record having by law a clerk and a seal, Applicant Jacob N. Keator a resident of the town of Marbletown in said County of Ulster aged seventy two 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 stated.

He first entered the service in the year 1777 early in the spring, thinks in the month of March as a substitute for Gaston Nottingham, who is now dead, and who was then drafted for four months, and received from him a Bounty of Five Dollars to go in his place.

That the Company rendezvoused at New Paltz in said County of Ulster under John Hasbrouck Capt. Derick Westbrook first Lieut Frederick Westbrook Second Lieut. Jacob Chambers Ensign and was immediately ordered to march for Fort Montgomery. Marched from said New Paltz to Newburgh in Orange County and from thence on Board of a Sloop commanded by one Buchem and was landed at Fort Montgomery and was placed in Barracks at Fort Clinton which was across the Creek in sight of Fort Montgomery – we were then placed in the Regiment of Militia commanded by Col. Levi Pawling [blank] McClaughrey Lieut. Col. [blank] Logan Major and were attached to the Brigade of Genl James Clinton—was engaged in scouting about and keeping guard, -- was discharged at said Fort Clinton in the latter part of July or beginning of August after serving said term of four months—the above named company officers are all dead, as is also Col. Pawling—cannot say whether the other officers are dead or living—Genl George Clinton was there also—see the affidavit of John Morris.

In the same year, shortly after the expiration of the above term in the month of August said applicant was ordered out with the company to which he belonged viz the company of Militia commanded by Capt. Jacob Delemater on a scout to Schoharie and Harpersfield, laying on the frontiers south west from Albany in order to drive back the Indians and to protect the Inhabitants from said Indians and Tories. Richard Broadhead was our Lieutenant in this campaign we took two Tories painted like Indians and brought them to Kingston Ulster County, where they are lodged in Goal; was out in this expedition three weeks—said applicant does not know any witness now living who was with him in this service.

In the same year towards the latter part of September the whole Militia Regiment to which said applicant belonged were ordered out to Saratoga to stop the progress of Genl Burgoyne, his officers in this campaign were Jacob Hoornbeck Col. -

Cornelius E. Wynkoop Major, Jacob Delemater Capt. marched by land through Coxsackie, Albany &c and came to where Genl Gates's army laid about eight days before the last battle was fought the Regiment to which this applicant belonged was marched up towards the latter part of the battle, and came up just when the British retreated—saw Genl Gates Frequently—was discharged after serving twenty one or twenty two days at Albany—his officers above named are all dead—see the affidavit of John Morris.

In the same year late in the fall volunteered and did serve for one month on the Frontiers in said County of Ulster at Shandaken—his officers were Joakimm Schoonmacker Capt.- Benjamin VanWagnen first and John Crowell served Lieutenants, Scouted along said frontiers to protect the Inhabitants from the Indians and Tories—was out as far as [Pogkatchkan?] in Delaware County exposed to Great danger—was discharged in the latter part of November or beginning of December—see the affidavit of John Morris.

In the year 1778 in the spring, thinks in April and May was ordered out for one month on the frontiers at Rochester in Ulster County aforesaid – was stationed at Jacob Hoornbecks, and scouted out to guard the Inhabitants and their property from the Indians and Tories—this was called one month's guard was commanded by Lieut Jacobus Rosekrans who has been dead many years. See the affidavit of John Morris.

In the year 1779 in the fall, does not recollect the precise month, enlisted as a volunteer for three months, and was ordered to Fishkill in Dutchess County—his officers were Charles Brodhead Capt. Joseph Hasbrouck first, and Frederick Westbrook second Lieut, when we arrived there we were put under the command of Col. Hathorne and were placed in the church—afterwards encamped in the Burying Ground—we were engaged in keeping guard—after serving one month we were there discharges—see the affidavit of John Morris.

In the year 1781 in August when Warwasink was burnt by the Indians and Tories was ordered out, land served these on the frontiers for four days under Col. John Cantine and Lieut. Col. Albert Pawling—said applicant cannot recollect any witness who can testify to this service.

Said applicant would also on his oath, state that in the year 1776 late in the fall he together with the rest of the regiment of Col. Hoornbeck was ordered out to New Jersey to a place called Kakiat, went by land through Goshen Orange County and was obliged to do duty there in guarding and patrolling the Country.—the British were in Hackensack at that time—his officers were Capt. Schoonmaker, Ada Hoffman was sergeant—does not recollect the names of the others—after serving three weeks said applicant was discharged at Kakiat aforesaid—has no testimony as to this service.

Said applicant has also served on the frontiers in said county frequently on alarms and scouting parties for two, three, four and five days at time, which he cannot now particularize and describe—and is positive that he has served his country the several terms above stated.

And in answer to the Interrogatories put to him by the said Judge as prescribed by the War Department said applicant on his oath states 1st that he was born in April

in the year 1760—at Marbletown in the County of Ulster and State of New York —2d that he has not any record of his age 3d that he lived in Marbletown, Ulster County when called into service—has lived in said town ever since and still does—4th that he entered said several services as a volunteer and as a substitute and as within stated—5th He has within set forth according to his recollection the Continental and Militia Regiments and the Regular and other officers with whom he served as also such circumstances as he remembers—6th He never received a written discharge 7th he can state the names of Andrew Snyder Esq and John Lounsbery Esq in his present neighborhood, who can testify as to his character for veracity and their belief of his services as a soldier of the Revolution.

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—and said applicant on his oath states that he is not sufficiently acquainted with any clergyman in the neighborhood, so as to ask of any one of them to swear that he or they are acquainted with said applicant and he has therefore called upon John Lounsberg Esq formerly a Senator of this state, and now Post Master at Stone Ridge in said town—and also Jacob Nottingham—another respectable inhabitant of said town, to testify their belief of his age, and his reputation in his own neighborhood of having been a soldier of the Revolution. (Signed) Jacob N. Keator

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid before me. Abm G. Hardenbergh one of the Judges of Ulster Common Pleas.