

Pension Application for Jonathan Kidney

S.14295

State of New York

Albany Justices Court SS.

Be it known that on the 23d day of October 1833 personally appeared before the Justices Court of the City of Albany, Jonathan Kidney of the City of Albany, who being duly sworn in open Court, deposeseth and saith, that by reason of old age, and the consequent loss of memory he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his service, but according to the best of his recollection, he served not less than the periods mentioned below, and in the following grades:--

1. In the year 1777 I served as a private in the Company of Militia commanded by Capt. Hunn in Col. Lansing's Regiment & under the command of Genl Philip Schuyler on a term of duty at Fort Edward, Fort George, Snookskill, Saratoga &c as stated in my original declaration, sent less than three months and half—that is from about the first of July to about the 22d of October.
2. In the same year 1777 I also served as a private in the Company of Militia, commanded by Capt. Price, on a tour of duty to Hartford in Connecticut, as stated in my original declaration, for a period of not less than twelve days.
3. In the year 1778 I served as a private in the Company of Militia commanded by Capt. Hun, on a tour of duty to Lower Fort, Schoharie, & Cobleskill as stated in my original declaration, on which time I served not less than four weeks.
4. In the year 1778 I served as a private in the Company of Militia commanded by Capt. Nicholas Joralemen, on a tour of duty to Stone Arabia as stated in my original declaration on which tour I served not less than four weeks.
5. In the year 1779 I served as a private in the same company of Militia, commanded by Capt. Joralemen, on a tour of duty to Fort Plain on the Mohawk, as stated in my original declaration on which tour I served not less than one month.
6. In the fall of the year 1782 I went out in the capacity of mariner or sailor on a cruise in the Privateer Brig Scammel (she was a square rigged vessel) commanded by Capt. Stoddard—we sailed from Providence in the State of Rhode Island—I recollect that the sailing master's name was Pierson—we were out on the cruise about a fortnight and was then taken within about a day's sail of Sandy Hook, by the British Frigate Jason—the 50 gun ship [Renown?] being in company with her—Part of the crew of the Privateer was put on board of the [Renown?] —I was put on board of the [Renown?] & was taken into New York—I was then transferred to the old Jersey Prison Ship—I remained a prisoner until May following, when Peace was proclaimed—Part of the time I was confined on board the Jersey Prison ship & part of the time on board the Hospital ship.

I recollect that the news of Pace was publicly read on board the Jersey Prison ship, to the Prisoners and we were immediately discharged—we were sent up with a Flag to Dobb's Ferry and thus [cut off] I stopped at West Point where I received two day provisions by the direction of the commanding officer—from there I went to Newburgh where the army there lay—I then got six days provision & a half pint of rum & then came home to Albany in a sloop—

I was taken prisoner as above mentioned some time in November – and remained a prisoner not less than five months.

At the time I made my original declaration I was not informed whether I was entitled to my allowance for the time I was a prisoner as above stated, and therefor did not mention a claim it in [sic] my said declaration—But I now claim it if the Law entitles me to it, in addition to my other services.

I further state that in regard to my serviced in the year 1779 under Capt Joralemen at Fort Plain, I was never satisfied that the statement of the time I was engaged in said tour in my original declaration, is a mistake—that time should have been stated at one months as above and not twelve weeks. (Signed) Jonathan Kidney

Sworn and subscribed in open court this 23d day of October 1833. John G. Masson, Clk

Letter in folder dated June 14, 1938, written in response to an inquiry.

Reference is made to your request for information relative to Jonathan Kidney of Albany, New York, who served in the Revolutionary War.

The data which follow were obtained from papers on file in the pension claim, S.14295, based on the military service of Jonathan Kidney.

He was born December 10, 1759. The place of his birth and the names of his parents were not given.

In 1776 he was enrolled in Captain William Hunn's Company in Colonel Lansing's New York regiment. About July 1, 1777 he was ordered into active service and rendered the following tours: from about the first of July, 1777, until about October 22, 1777, as private in Captain William Hunn's company in Colonel Lansing's New York regiment and was in the battle of Snookskill; in 1777, twelve days as private in Captain Price's New York company; from July, 1778, four weeks as private in captain Hunn's company in Colonel Abraham Duyler's New York regiment; from October, 1778, four weeks as private in Captain Nicholas Joralemen's New York Company; in 1779, lone month as private in Captain Nicholas Joralemen's company in Colonel Cuyler's New York regiment. He served at various time with the New York troops in the years, 1780, 1781, and 1782, amounting to one year in all, and was engaged in guard duty and in apprehending disaffected persons. He entered the service at Providence, Rhode Island, in October 1782, as mariner on board the brig, Scammel, commanded by Captain Stoddard, and in November the Scammel was captured by the British frigates, Jason and Renown, and Jonathan Kidney was transferred to the Renown, carried to New York and placed on the old Jersey Prison

Ship and remained on said ship and on the Hospital Ship until May 1783, when he returned to his home in Albany, New York, peace having been proclaimed.

Jonathan Kidney was allowed pension on his application executed November 3, 1832, at which time he was living in Albany, New York.

The papers in this pension claim contain no data relative to the family of Jonathan Kidney.