

Pension Application for Jonathan Knapp or Knap

W.15921 (Widow: Mary) Married Mary Odell December 10, 1779 by Revered Samuel Sacket Presbyterian minister from Compond. Jonathan died in the year 1815.

Letter in folder dated July 26, 1934, written in response to an inquiry.

Reference is made to your letter in which you request the information in regard to Jonathan Knap and James Parshall, who served from New York, John Thorp and Isaac Oysterbanks, who served from Connecticut, in the Revolutionary War.

A careful search of the Revolutionary War records has been made and no record found of claims for pension or bounty land having been made to the United States based upon the military service in that war of John Thorp or Thorpe or of any soldier with the surname of Oysterbanks. Such claims are the source of the data furnished by this office. The records of Jonathan Knapp and James Parshall have been found and their histories are given herein, the data for which were obtained from the respective claims for pension based upon the military service of those soldiers in the Revolutionary War.

Jonathan Knapp

W.15921

The date and place of birth and the names of the parents of Jonathan Knapp are not shown in the papers in the pension claim.

While residing near Tarrytown, on the Hudson River, in Westchester County, New York, Jonathan Knapp volunteered in the summer of 1776, and served six weeks as a private in captain Landue's Company, Colonel James Hamman's New York Regiment; This was at the time tow British vessels, the "Phoenix" and "The Rose" came up the North River and anchored opposite Tarrytown: he gain enlisted in the fall of 1776 and served at various times as private and sergeant in the New York Troops under Captains Abraham Laubie, Sybert Acker, and Jonas Orsor and Colonel James Hamman; June 16, 1778 was appointed ensign in Captain Gabriel Requaw's Company, Colonel James Hamman's New York Regiment and served until sometime in 1779; in 1778, he was one of a company of volunteers who captured a party of British engaged in driving off the cattle belonging to the inhabitants of Westchester County: in 1780 and 1781, Jonathan Knapp was appointed lieutenant, promoted captain and was in charge of the boats at King's Ferry, Stony Point, New York: there were six boats, each manned by a crew of seven men, and it was Captain Knapp's duty to carry the soldiers back and forth across the river: it was stated that Major Andre was carried across in one of these boats after his capture by the Americans.

In the margin in handwriting "Did not find boat service."

After the Revolution, Jonathan Knapp resided at Sleepy Hollow, near Tarrytown, New York.

He died in 1815, exact date not shown, at Mount Pleasant, Westchester County, New York.

The soldier married December 10, 1779, at Crompond, Westchester County, New York, Mary Odell, of Tarrytown, New York.

Soldier's widow, Mary, was allowed pension on her application executed September 25, 1837, at which time she was aged seventy-four years and resided in New York City.

Children are referred to and it was stated that the eldest child was born at Sleepy Hollow, New York. The only name of a child that is given is daughter, Margaret McGrath, who, in 1849, was aged forty-seven years and resided in New York City. James McGrath was stated to be a son-in-law of the widow, Mary Knapp, but whether or not he was the husband of Margaret was not shown.

In 1837, one James Knapp was a resident of New York City: in 1845, the name of Shepherd Knapp appears and in 1849, the name Jarvis H. Knapp: no relationship of any of the above named persons with surname Knapp to the soldier and his wife was shown.

In 1837, the widow's sister, Elizabeth Wheeler, lived in Phillipstown, Putnam County, New York, Elizabeth was born in April, [1766?]: in 1839, John Odell, brother of Mary Knapp and Elizabeth Wheeler, lived in Quincy, Putnam County, New York. John was born in May 1757. There are no further family data.

The foregoing is the history of the only soldier named Jonathan Knapp, who served with the New York Troops, that is found on the Revolutionary War records of this office.

James Parshall
S.43799

James Parshall was born in the state of New York: the date of his birth and the names of his parents are not shown in the papers in the pension claim.

While residing in the state of Connecticut, James Parshall enlisted at Guildford, that state, May 3, 1775, served in Captain Daniel Griffing's Company, Colonel James Clinton's New York Regiment and went to Crown Point and Ticonderoga; length of service not shown; he enlisted sometime in 1776, and served one tour in Captain Paul Reeve's Company, Colonel Smith's New York Regiment and was in the battle of White Plains; length of the tour not shown; he enlisted in February, 1777, served as sergeant and orderly sergeant in Captain Benjamin Walkers' company, Colonels Henry B. Livingston and Weisenfels's New York Regiment, was in the battles with Burgoyne, wintered at Valley Forge, was in the battle of Monmouth and in General Sullivan's expedition against the Indians: on December 22, 1779, he obtained a furlough and went to visit his family in Connecticut: while still at home, there was a request made by Governor Trumbull for a small party to go to Long Island to suppress a British party that had been engaged in plundering the inhabitants: James Parshall volunteered March 20, 1780, to go on this expedition and set sail in a small party to go to Long Island to suppress a British party that had been engaged in plundering the inhabitants: James Parshall volunteered March 20, 1780, to go on this expedition and set sail in a small schooner for Long Island but while going on the Sound encountered

a British vessel and was captured together with the thirteen men under his command: he was placed aboard the British prison ship "Scorpion", and held until about the first of June or until sometime in the fall (he gave both dates) when he was exchanged: he was made so ill from the effects of his life on the prison ship, that he had to be carried from the ship: he was taken to his home in Connecticut, and was not able to rejoin his company and regiment until after the close of the war.

He was allowed pension on his application executed April 1, 1818, at which time he was aged sixty-four years and was living in Middlefield, Otsego County, New York, where, he stated, he had then lived for twenty-two years.

In 1825, soldier referred to his wife as aged sixty years and to two daughters, aged twenty-eight and eighteen years, respectively, but gave no names. Three sons are referred to: miner, the eldest son: Gilbert born in March 1800, in 1822, in Middlefield, New York; and James Parshall, Junior. A son was referred to as aged seventeen in 1820, his name was not given.

John Parshall, a brother of the soldier, James Parshall, lived in Middlefield, New York, in 1828.

There are no further family data.