

Pension Application for George E. Mapes

R.6890 (Widow: Experience)

State of New York

Steuben County SS.

On this sixteenth day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty two, personally appeared in open court before the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas of the said County of Steuben now sitting George E. Mapes a resident of the Town of Jersey in the said County of Steuben and State of New York aged seventy years on the eleventh day of August last past, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefits of the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated.

He entered the service as a volunteer by consent of his father, sometime in the month of May in the year 1777—for six months, in the company commanded by Captain Thomas Horton, and Lieutenant Samuel Webb, in the regiment commanded by Colonel James McClawry.

He marched with the regiments to Fort Montgomery on the North River, where he remained until the fort was captured by the enemy on the sixth day of October following. He was in the battle at that place when the fort was taken by the enemy, until a short time before the fort surrendered, when he was sent out with a detachment from the fort, to meet a detachment of the enemy who were advancing to the attack of the fort by land—and while he was absent with the detachment on this service the fort surrendered, and he escaped being made prisoner.

He then returned home to his fathers, which was a few days before the expiration of the term for which he volunteered. That he remembers that Governor George Clinton and General James Clinton were there and believes had command of the fort. He did not receive a written discharge.

That soon after he returned home from Fort Montgomery, the militia were called out to guard the posts along the North river, and prevent the enemy from sending detachments to reinforce the Army under General Burgoyne—he was in the company commanded by Captain Robert Tilford and Lieutenants John Miller,

He was in the service about one month, but he cannot state particularly the time when he was called out but to the best of his recollection, it was in the fall of the year 1777—

That he was stationed a part of the time a[t] Newburgh. He was dismissed from the service by the Captain of the company, but did not receive a written discharge.

In the month of April in the year 1778, he was drafted into the militia service in the company commanded by Captain John Barber & Ensign Evans Humphrey, but he cannot recollect the name of the Colonel, how commanded the regiment to which Captain barbers company was attached.

He was drafted for three months and was marched to West Point where the regiment was stationed.

He remained there until the expiration of the time for which he was drafted, when he was dismissed by his Captain – General Putnam commanded the fort at West Point together with Gove George Clinton, but he does not recollect the names of any other officers—

A short time after he returned home he entered the militia service as a substitute for his brother William Mapes, in the company commanded by Captain Leonard Nicholas, and Lieutenant David Crawford, in the regiment commanded by Colonel Cantine—the regiment was stationed at a place called fort Hunk, on the west side of Schongum [Shawangunk] Mountain—where he continued until the expiration of the time for which he brother was drafted, which was three months, when he was dismissed by his Colonel—While he was in the service at this time, he volunteered in a detachment, which was raised at the said fort, to go on an expedition against the Indians—and was absent from the fort about one month—

Sometime in the month of June in the year 1779 – he was drafted for six months, in the company commanded by Captain John Newkirk and Lieutenant John Dunning, in the regiment commanded by Colonel Cantine—he marched with the regiment to a place called Mamacotton, in the County of Ulster as he believes, in the State of New York—and he remained there until the expiration of the time for which he was drafted, when he was dismissed by his Captain—He does not recollect that there were any regular troops on that station.

That in the month of August as he believes, in the year 1781—he was drafted for three months, and was in the company commanded by Captain William rose, and Lieutenant William Gilbert in the regiment commanded by Colonel Moses Philips—The company to which he belonged was stationed at a place, called Westbrook-fort, in the County of orange as he believes, on the lines—he remained there until the expiration of the time for which he was drafted, and was then dismissed—there were no regular soldiers stationed at that fort—and the regiment was only marched from the place where it was raised to the said fort.

That he was frequently called out in the progress of the war, on alarms occasioned by the enemy sending detachments to ravage the Country, but he cannot state the particular times or places, nor how long he was in the service at those times.

He was born at the Town of Wallkill in the County of Orange in the State of New York, on the eleventh day of August in the year 1762.

He has the record of his age, which was kept by his father in the family Bible, which Bible the said applicant now has in his possession.

That at the time he was called into the service he was living with his father at the said Town of Wallkill, and that he continued to reside there until the year 1819, when he removed to the Town of Marselles [Marcellus] in the County of Onondaga, where he lived about seven years, and then removed to the town of Jersey in the County of Steuben & State of New York where he now resides.

He never received a written discharge from the service.

That Andrew B. Dickinson, Selah Frost, Charles Jones, & William Hurly have known him a number of years, and will 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 & declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state.
(Signed) George E. Mapes

Sworn to and subscribed the day & year aforesaid. M.S. Runsey Dep. Clerk,
Steuben County

Letter in folder dated February 1, 1937, written in response to an inquiry.

The data which follow are obtained from the papers on file in Revolutionary War pension claim, R.6899, based upon the military service in that war of George E. Mapes.

George E. Mapes, the son of Henry and Anna Mapes, was born August 11, 1762, at Wallkill, Orange County, New York.

[Handwritten note: "Could not find sol's name in NY books. Found all officers except Capt Robert Tilford."]

While residing at said Wallkill, George E. Mapes volunteered in May 1777, served as a private in Captain Thomas Horton's Company, Colonel James McClaughrey's New York Regiment, was at Fort Montgomery when it was attacked but was not taken prisoner having been sent out on special service a short time before the surrender; length of service, almost six months: later that same fall, he enlisted and served one month in Captain Robert Tilford's New York Company: he enlisted in April 1778, and served three months in Captain John Barber's New York Company: enlisted in June 1779, and served six months in Captain John Newkirk's Company, Colonel Cantine's New York Regiment: and from August 1781, served three months in Captain William Rose's company, Colonel Moses Phillips' New York Regiment. He was also called out frequently on alarms and served on short tours: dates of these tours and names of officers not given.

After the Revolution, he resided in Wallkill, New York, until 1819, then moved to Marcellus, Onondaga County, New York, lived there seven years, then moved to Jersey, Steuben County, New York.

He was allowed pension on his application executed October 16, 1832, while residing in Jersey, Steuben County, New York.

The soldier died February 2 or 2 (both dates are given) in Hector, Tompkins County, New York, where he had resided between two and three years.

George E. Mapes married at Wallkill, New York, February 1, 1787, Experience Vail, who was born April 20, 17—(torn). The place of her birth and names of her parents are not shown.

Soldier's widow Experience, applied, April 10, 1839, for the pension which might have been due on account of the service of her husband, George E. Mapes, in the Revolutionary War. She was then a resident of Dix, Chemung County, New York, and was aged seventy-one years and eleven months.

Her claim was not allowed as she was required to furnish record evidence of her husband's service in the Revolutionary War which evidence was never submitted.

She was deceased in 1853, exact date of her death not given.

Children of George E. and Experience Mapes:

Mary Mapes born October 29, 1787.

David Mapes born May 15, 1790.

Hannah Mapes born April 1, 1792.

Phebe Mapes born April 23, 1794.

Henry Mapes born October 28, 1796.

Lucinda Mapes born December 6, 1798.

Experience Mapes born July 20, 1801, married _____ Crippen, and in 1853, was residing in Reading, New York.

George Wickham Mapes born May 10, 1804, died August 9, 1805.

John Waldron Mapes born August 9, 1806.

Children of Davis Mapes: name of his wife not given.

Daniel W. Mapes born November 19, 1820.

David Mapes born October 22, 1822.

The following data are given, also:

William H. Hurley born June 13, 1809.

David Hurley born May 27, 1811.

Nancy or Nansey Hurley born April 30, 1813.

Joseph Hurley born August 8, 1815.

Hannah Hurley born November 8, 1818.

George M. Hurley born August 4, 1820.

Phebe L. Hurley born September 27, 1822.

Experience Hurley born August 24, 1825.

Thomas H. Hurley born July 10, 1828.

Sister's Children: not stated whether sister of soldier or his wife.

George Gillaspy born October 5, 1783.

Henry Gillaspy born March 11, 1784.

William Gillaspy born August 22, 1786.

John Gillaspy born July 2, 1789.

David Gillaspy born November 17, 1801.

In 1832, one William Mapes lived in Skaneateles, Onondaga County, New York, during the Revolution and had been acquainted with George E. Mapes from infancy but did not state any relationship.

In 1843, Lebbeus L. Vail was clerk of the Court of Orange County, New York: no relationship to the widow, Experience Vail Mapes, was stated.