

Pension Application for Ezekiel Masten

R.7013

State of New York

County of Sullivan SS.

On this thirteenth day of June in the year one thousand eight hundred & thirty three personally appeared in open court before Gabriel W. Ludlum, Thomas Grary and Platt Pelton, Judges of the Court of Common pleas in & for said County of Sullivan now sitting Ezekiel Maston a resident of the town of Thompson in said County of Sullivan now sitting Ezekiel Maston a resident of the town of Thompson in the said County of Sullivan & staid State of New York aged seventy five years on the fourth day of February last 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.

And first he states that he entered into the service of the United States under the following named officers & served as herein stated to wit.

That sometime in the month of July in the year one thousand eight hundred & seventy six he this declarant entered into the service of the United States as a militia man in a company of militia commanded by Captain Matthias Jansen. That the Lieutenant's name was Jacob Rosekrans.

That the Regiment to which he belonged was commanded by Colonel Johannis Jansen but the declarant cannot with certainty recollect the names of the other field officers. That his first term of service in said Jansen' company was at Fort Montgomery on Hudsons River where he served three months.

That his next service in said company was at Lackawack in Ulster County to which place he was marched to oppose the inroads of the Indians & served there for three months—

That he the said declarant after he left Lackawack was marched to Hudson River near Newburgh & remained In Service in said company guarding against the Indians & the Regular troops of the enemy—that the principal part of the duty of the militia to which this declarant was attached was to guard the frontiers against the Indians which frontier was in & along the Valley of the Mamakating then in the County of Ulster—that during this service he was under the command of Captain John Newkerk, Lieutenants Conrad Bevier--& after him Elnathan Sears & then one Crawford whose Christian name he cannot recollect.

That he this declarant from the time he first entered into the service as aforesaid remained in said service during the whole was, a period of at least six years. That he this declarant was regularly enrolled in said Newkerks company & remained therein as a soldier from the time he entered into said company until the close of the war a period of at least two years—That he served in said Jansen's Company for at least three years, & that he was occasionally commanded by other officers during the war—among whom he recollects the names of Capt. Wm Moody of Col Hasbrouck's Regiment –Captain Bevier & many others—

That during the whole time from his first commencing service under Captain Jansen he this declarant during the whole war was a soldier in the Militia of the State of New York (except for about six weeks when he was in the service of a company of Rangers commanded by the above named Capt W Moody) & much of said time was attached to the companies of said Jansen & Newkerk according to the best of said declarants recollection & belief & that during all of said period he this declarant was not employed in any civil pursuit, nor engaged in any other business except that of a soldier—excepting however that for some short periods he was permitted to return to the place of residence of his father in the town of Shawangunk in said county of Ulster, & whilst at home assisted in the support of the family.

And this declarant further says that he was born in the town of Shawangunk in the county of Ulster on the fourth day of February in the year one thousand seven hundred & fifty eight & that he has a record of his age in his family bible which is now at his house in this town about six miles from the court house.

That he was living in said town of Shawangunk when he was called into service as aforesaid—that shortly after the peace (in 1784) he removed to the town of Mamakating in said County (now Sullivan) & remained there until about five years since when he removed to the town of Thompson in Sullivan County where he now resides.

That he was [a] volunteer in the service & served the whole time as such, except for about three weeks when he was a substitute for one Hasbrouck.

That he never received any written discharge from his service, except after he was discharged from the Rangers as before mentioned, which discharge is lost.

That he is acquainted with several persons in his present neighborhood who as he believes can testify to his character for veracity & belief of his services as a soldier of the revolution & among others with James S. VanInwigen, Hiram Bennitt & Benjamin Gray.

And this declarant 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.

And he further declares that he knows of no clergyman who is acquainted with him or his services or who can certify to his age or services in the neighborhood where he now resides but that he is acquainted with James S. Van Inwigen, Hiram Bennett, Benjamin Gray and others who as he believes can testify relative to his age & services as a soldier by common report. (Signed) Ezekiel Masten

Sworn to and subscribed the day of June 1833 aforesaid before me Jesse M. Foster Clk of Sullivan County

Letter in folder dated December 10, 1935, written in response to an inquiry.

Reference is made to your letter in which you request the Revolutionary War record of Ezekiel Masten of New York State, and verification of the spelling of his father's name.

The Revolutionary War record of Ezekiel Masten, file # R.7013, is given herein as found in his claim for pension.

The Revolutionary War record of another Ezekiel Martin has been found on file under file # S.28801, and is furnished herein, which may interest you, also, as he was from Shawangunk, New York.

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Ezekiel Masten (as he signs) was born February 4, 1758 in Shawangunk, Ulster County, New York; he was the son of Johannis Masten, name of his mother not given.

He stated that while residing in Shawangunk, with his father, he served from sometime in July, 1777, three months as private at Fort Montgomery in captain Matthias Jansen's company, Colonel Johannis Jansen's New York regiment, and continued to serve at various times in the New York troops under Captains Matthias Jansen, John Newkirk, Moody and Bevin, guarding the frontiers in Mamakating Valley, was in several skirmishes and was in service until the close of the war.

This soldier, Ezekiel Masten, moved in 1784 to Mamakating, New York, and thence to Thompson, Sullivan County, New York.

He applied for pension, June 13, 1833, then residing in Thompson, New York. The claim was not allowed, as proof of six month's service, as required by the pension law, was not established.

There is no reference to wife or children of Ezekiel Masten. His sister, Sarah Terwilliger, was in 1833 eighty-four years of age and living in Thompson, New York.