

Pension Application for Jonathan Meeker or Meker

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State of New York

Schoharrie [Schoharie] County SS

On this fourth day of November AD 1833 personally appeared before the undersigned a Judge of the County Courts of the County of Schoharrie in the State of New York Jonathan Meeker a resident of the town of Middleburgh in the County of Schoharrie in the State of New York aged 72 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 said Service at the town of Nobletown (as it was then called) in the County of Columbia in the State of New York in the Spring of the year 1778 having been drafted. He joined a company of Militia, the captain of which he does not recollect, Ensign Phillips belonged to the said Company and was immediately marched to Johnstown in the State of New York and was there stationed and kept guard and did Sentinel duty and was out on Scouts untill his term of service for which he was drafted expired. He served at this time one month as a private soldier and was then dismissed and he returned home.

He again entered the said service at Nobletown aforesaid in the Spring of the year 1779 a volunteer and joined a company commanded by Ensign Vaughn and was immediately marched to Schoharrie and was stationed in the Middle Fort, and was under the command of Major Acker as near as he can recollect, he cannot remember the Capt. name he served under. He continued at the Middle Fort and kept guard, and served as a private soldier one month and four days, and was then dismissed and he returned home.

He again entered the said service in the fall of the same year (1779) thinks in the month of September or about the first of October, having been drafted, and was marched to Schoharrie and joined the forces then under the command of Colonel Vrooman as near as he can recollect but he cannot tell who commanded the company he belonged to.

He was stationed at the Upper Fort and kept guard and die Sentinel duty, and served as a private soldier for the term [of] one months and two days and was then dismissed and returned home.

He again entered the said service at Nobletown aforesaid having been drafted and joined Capt. Bigsbee's Company of Militia for the term of Forty days and was marched to Cherry Valley and there joined the forces under the command of Colonel Alden, and was stationed about one mile from the fort at that place, and there kept guard untill his term expired. He served at this time forty days as a private soldier and then returned home. He served at this time in the year 1780, thinks in August.

He again entered the said service at Nobletown aforesaid a volunteer and joined Capt. Hawley's company of militia, sometime in the fall of the year 1780, and was

marched down on the east side of the Hudson River to Fishkill and stationed within about one mile from a garrison at that place, and occupied tents, he kept guard and did Sentinel duty and served as a private soldier two months and three days and was then dismissed and he returned home the last of November 1780.

He again entered the said service at Danbury in the State of Connecticut in the summer of the year 1781 and enlisted in Capt Meeds company for the term of eight months, to go down and take Cornwallis.

He started from Danbury in the month of August 1781 and was ordered to take charge of a four Ox team, and take baggage belonging to a company of Artillery. He was taken down the Hudson's River to White Plains, and from there crossed the Hudson's River and went down with the French soldiers belonging to the Army through New Jersey and Pennsylvania to some place in Virginia, and there staid having charge of a team untill about the time of the surrender of Cornwallis and then returned back to Danbury in the State of Connecticut, he was then dismissed and returned home having served at this time two months and seven days as near as he can recollect as a private soldier.

He was in the actual Service of the United States in the Revolutionary War, and served as a private soldier eight months and twenty six days, and for such service he claims a pension.

He was born in the town of Nobletown in the County of Columbia on the 16th day of October 1761,

He had a record of his age in a family Bible, which he believes is now in the State of Ohio.

He resided at the time of entering the said service at Nobletown aforesaid and was called into the said service as above stated.

He continued to reside in Nobletown aforesaid untill about the year 1798, when he removed to his present place of residence in Middleburgh aforesaid where he has lived ever since except about two years, when he resided in the County of Oneida.

Genl Washington, Colo Alden, Capt VanRenssealer and others were with the troops where he served but he cannot tell what Continental and militia regiments he served with.

He never received a written discharge, and he has no documentary evidence to prove his services.

He is known to Revd Stephen Joice, Leighton Joice, Peleg Cook, Capt. George Bostwick, Samuel Sweet, Restcome Macumber, William Braynin Esq. and others who reside in his present neighbourhood and who can testify to his character for veracity and their belief of his services as a soldier of the Revolution.

He has made enquiry and used all the exertions in his power to procure witnesses to prove his services in the Revolutionary War and witnesses cannot be had or found.

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.

He has an unusually bad rupture and one of his knees is entirely stiff with the Rheumatism, and he is wholly unable to attend the court. (Signed with his mark)
Jonathan Meker

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid before me, Thos O
Danforth, a Judge of Schoharrie County Courts.