

Pension Application for Zebulon Mills

R.7252

State of New York
Oneida County SS.

On this 28th day of September AD 1832 personally appeared before me Israel Stoddard a Judge of the Court of Common Pleas [Pleas] in and for Oneida County and State of New York Zebulon Mills a resident of the Town of Annsville in said County of Oneida aged [blank] 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. He entered the service of the United States and served as herein stated.

That he was born in the town of Jamaica County of Queens on Long Island State of New York in the year 1764 on the 12th day of April according to the Chh. record kept by his Uncle Rev'd John Mills then minister of the Gospel at Jamaica aforesaid and that he knows of no other record of his age than the one above mentioned.

And that afterwards his father removed into Dutchess County in the State of New York and that in the year 1778 after the commencement of the Revolutionary War while he lived with her father Hezekiah Mills at that part of Dutchess County which was called Big-Nine Partners orders came to press teams and wagons to carry provisions to the regular army at Peekskill below FishKill that he believes the orders were brought by a Major Cooper of the Regular Service, and this was between the first and tenth day of July 1778—that his father had two teams and that his father volunteered to go with one of his teams and that this applicant volunteered to go with the other team—and that they took their loads and carried them by road to Peekskill for the Regular Army and there at Peekskill delivered their load, and then were ordered by an officer in the Regular Service right up from Kingsbridge, (whose name he can not now remember) to return and bring more provisions, and that he with one team and his father with the other returned and brought each of them another load to Peekskill and after arriving there they were ordered to take their loading to White Plains and that they did so and there delivered them, and that then they had orders from another officer who was in the Regular Service, (and who was commonly called the Waggon [wagon] Master General, but whose name he can not state) to go to the lower part of Dutchess County to a place called Belding-Kill and there take more loading and to carry the same to White-Plains and that they accordingly did and were thus constantly employed for the term of three months and that then they had liberty in writing signed by Capt Smith (thinks that was the name) to return home; and that the officer told them to be in readiness when called for—then he and his father went home and were not again called for till the first of September 1779 while his father was sowing his wheat and he dragging it in orders came for them to take their teams and go to Col. Henry Humphrey's & Comer Bullock's Mills and get Beef, Pork & Flour to carry to the Army at Stoney Point and that they did so and returned and took more loading of the same discription [description] from the said Mills and also from Tillman

Hull's Mill and took them to Stoney Point and also some loads they carried to a Fort or Garrison six miles from the Stoney Point, and that they served at this time from the first of September aforesaid till the last of November following when he had permission to go home and his father was ordered to take a load of prisoner to the Provost.

That the Waggon Master resided on Long Island, and now thinks his name was Houghman but of this he will not be positive—that he was not called upon any further to go in the Waggon Service—and that in the fall of 1780 a company of Riflemen were formed under Capt. Cooper from Poughkeepsie and there he thot [thought] it a pretty notion to join that company and therefore enlisted and marched to Poughkeepsie and there were divided Coope going off Westward with part of the Colmpany to look to some Tories and that this deponent belonged to that part of the company who remained and were, after Cooper had gone, under the command of Ensign Ely, that they were marched to White-Plains and lay off against Kingsbridge. Had a skirmish with a party of British in Widow William's Orchard in which Skirmish Ensign Ely was first wounded by a ball in his legg he fell and a German Sight horse man rode up and struck him over the head with his Carbine and then was about to take his watch when this deponent shot him (the German) and he fell across the body of the said Ely who was killed by the said blow and that this deponent ran up and took from the said Ely's [fot?] his watch and knowing that the said Ely had 36 guineas in his pocket, he took them out and while he was doing this, another Light horse man appeared and was preparing to shoot him, when his this deponent's [lousen?] fired and killed the Light horseman, and that then, he and his cousin cut across to join their men who had fled & that the Light Horse followed till coming to a marshey place when pursuit became impartible, and that this skirmish took place in Oct. 1780, commencing about ten o'clock A.M. and continued as near as he can recollect till 2 P.M. and that he served in this Rifle Company 6 weeks—and that in the year 1778 he was in the United States Service three months and was in the capacity of a waiter about Geo. Clinton and went on such business as he the said Clinton and such officers in the American Service as were there at Poughkeepsie and that he was told in the time of it that he was considered in the service of the United States but that cannot say how that was, only when he was dismissed he had a written line that he might go home.--

That he has had a number of discharges in writing some of them signed by Capt. Smith and others by persons whose names he can not recollect that after the War he did not consider them of any value and lost them; that he continued to reside in Dutchess Co. 6 or 8 years after the war and then removed to Schodack Rensselaer County N.York lived there not far from Eleven years and then moved to the Town of Danube Herkimer Co. N.York, lived there about seven years and then moved to Otsego in Otsego Co., N.York from thence he moved to Brookfield Madison Co. N.York and then removed to Williamstown Oswego Co;. N.York and from there to Annsville where he now resides, and has resided, for the most part of Eleven years past, that he can find no witness now living by whom he might prove the services set forth in his declaration and that he is unable to appear in Court from bodily infirmity and a would he received in his knee in the late war while on duty at Erie—that he is well known in

the neighborhood where he resides and particularly so to Rev'd Eliakim Stoddard a Clergyman residing in Camden Oneida Co. and [?] to this deponent of any other Clergyman being in the same neighborhood this in an adjoining town and also to Ira Draper of the town of Annsville in the County of Oneid[a] State N.York who can attest to my character for truth and veracity and their belief of my services as a soldier of the Revolution.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatsoever to a pension or annuity except the present & declares that his name is onto on the pension roll of any agency in any state. (Signed) Zebulon Mills

Sworn & subscribed before me the day and year aforesaid. I. Stoddard, Judge of Court Com. Pleas.