

Pension Application for Isaac Morehouse

S.13983

State of New York

Washington County SS.

On this eighth day of December in the year one thousand eight hundred and thirty one, of the term of December of the Court of Common Pleas of the County of Washington aforesaid, personally appeared in said Court of Common Pleas in open Court being a court of record in & for said County of Washington, Isaac More house, resident in the town of Hebron in said county aged seventy five years, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provisions made by the act of Congress of the 18th of March 1818 & for the 1st of May 1820.

That he the said Isaac Morehouse enlisted for the term of nine months In the spring of the year 1778, and as this deponent believes in the month of April in that year, but the particular day of the month this deponent does not recollect in the State of New York in the company commanded by Captain William Pierce in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Graham, whose Christian name this deponent does not recollect, in the line of the state of New York on the Continental establishment. That he continued to serve in said crops, (the particular day of said month he cannot recollect, but he does recollect that it was nearly ten months from the time he enlisted before he was discharged) when this deponent was honorably discharged from the service, in the County of Westchester in said State of New York.

And this Deponent further saith that in addition to the service in the Continental Troops, above mentioned, he this Deponent, in the month of December in the year 1775, enlisted as a minute man, as it was then called, for six weeks, & went from the town of the South East in Dutchess County in said State of New York, to the city of New York as such minute man; and shortly after this deponent got to the city of New York & as this Deponent believes, the last of said month of December or the first of month of January in the year 1776, this Deponent enlisted at the City of New York for the term of twelve months in the company commanded by Captain Andrew Billings in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Rudolphus Ritz Ritzh Maugh. That from the month of August 1776 said company was commanded by Captain Benjamin Pelton. This Deponent served the full term of said twelve months under the said Captains, Billings & Pelton, & was honorably discharged there from in the month of December 1776 or the forepart of January 1777 at Peekskill in said State of New York. That during said term of twelve months, said Colonel Rtzhmaugh deserted the cause of his country & went over to the enemy as this deponent was then informed.

And this deponent further saith that in April 1777 he enlisted for the term of four months under Captain Scribner—that this Deponent served the whole of said four months under said Captain Scribner, at what was then called the town of Fredericksborough & is now called Patterson, as this Deponent believes, in said County of Dutchess guarding the Artificers establishment at that place, which was under the charge or command of Captain Anthony Post—That after the said four

months expired, this Deponent enlisted under said Captain Post for five months & served the whole of said time out faithfully, said Captain Post was said at the time to be in the Continental Service, & had charge of a company of Artificers during the said five months—That after the expiration of said five months & in the month of April 1778, this Deponent enlisted & in the month of April 1778, this deponent enlisted for the said term of nine months as first above mentioned.

And this Deponent hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension except the present. That his name is not on the Roll of any State except the State of New York & that the following are the reasons for not making earlier application for a pension.

That about four years ago this deponent made application to a Mr. David Corey, a Gentleman who then resided at that time in the Village of Salem in the county of Washington to assist him in obtaining said Pension. That this deponents application was then rejected, as this deponent was afterwards informed by Mr. Corey, in consequence of some defect or informality in the papers or proceedings of this Deponent. That until about eight years ago this deponent was enabled from his labour to procure for himself & family a comfortable living. That at that period, to wit, eight years ago, this Deponent had the misfortune to get ruptured, & in consequence of that & his increasing age, he has been able to do very little labour from that time has been & still is in poor and necessitous circumstances. That this deponent finding it difficult to maintain himself & family & his inability so to do daily increasing, from the causes aforesaid, made the said application to Mr. Corey; and since that time it has been delayed from time to time in expectation that said application would be renewed by Mr. Corey, until he removed from the said County of Washington, about a year & a half since.

And in pursuance of the Act of the 1st of May 1820. I do solemnly swear that I was a resident citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818, & that I have not since that time by gift sale or in any manner disposed of my property or any part thereof, with intent thereby so to diminish it, as to bring myself within the provisions of an act of Congress entitled “an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land & naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War”, passed on the 18th day of march 1818—and that I have not, nor has any person in trust for me, any property or securities contracts or debts due to me, nor have I any income other than what is continued in the schedule hereto annexed & by me subscribed.

That it is utterly impossible for this Deponent to give a particular account of the changes that have been made in his property since the 18th day of March 1818—that he has never since that time owned any real estate. That being a farmer by occupation, he has always had a team consisting of a span of horses—that since that time he has not sold a horse, but has lost by sickness & disease five horses & two colts, & has managed so as to purchase others in their place so as to keep a team to work with. That this deponent has during said time some times owned one, some times two & some times three cows & never over three.—That this deponent during said time has never owned more than thirty sheep in any year. That the past season this

deponent owned twenty eight sheep, but was obliged to sell & dispose of them in September last to pay as Physician's bill for attending upon the wife of this deponent, who has been insane and helpless for the last three years—that this deponent at this time owns but four sheep. (Signed with his mark) Isaac Morehouse.

Sworn to & Declared on the eighth day of December 1831, in the Court of Common Pleas of the County of Washington in the State of New York in open Court, held at the Court house in the town of Kingsbury in said County before John Willard Esq first Judge & Jacob Holmes Jun., John Moses & Charles F. Ingalls Esquires Judges of said Court. J. S. Leigh Clk

Letter in folder dated February 28, 1931, written in response to an inquiry.

You are advised that it appears from the papers in the Revolutionary War pension claim, S.13983, that Isaac Morehouse was born June 7, 1756, at South East, Dutchess County, New York.

From sometime in December, 1775, as a minute man, officers' names and length of service not given;; from about January 1, 1776, one year as private and waiter in Captains Andrew Billings' and Benjamin Pelton's Companies, Colonel Rudolphus Ritzema's Regiment, and was in the battles of Harlem Heights and White Plains; from in April, 1777, four months as a private in Captain Scribner's company, Colonel Lamb's Regiment; immediately after the expiration of this service, five months in Captain Anthony Post's Company, Colonel Lamb's Regiment; following this service, six weeks in captain Scribner's Company, no dates stated, and six weeks in captain David Hecock's Company, as in the attack on Fort Independence, where he was slightly wounded; from in April 1778, until February, 1779, as a private in Captain William Pearce's company, Colonel Graham's Regiment. In June, 1779, he served five days under Sergeant Butler and was out against the Tories, and in 1780, he served eight days at Westpoint. He continued In the service until the end of the war as a private in Captain Pearce's Company, Colonel Graham's Regiment.

He was allowed pension on his application executed December 8, 1831, at which time he was a resident of Hebron, Washington County, New York, to which place he had moved from Dutchess County, New York, forty-six years before.

In 1831, he stated that his family consisted of wife, aged seventy-four years and a granddaughter, Jane Morehouse, aged nineteen years. The name of his wife and the names of the parents of his granddaughter are not given, and there are no further family data.

The above is the history of the only soldier names Isaac Morehouse, found on the Revolutionary War records of this bureau.