

Pension Application for Moses Myer

S.14002

State of New York

Columbia County SS.

On this 22nd day of August in the year one thousand eight hundred and thirty two personally appeared in open court, before the Justices court now sitting in and for the City of Hudson in the County of Columbia and State of New York Moses Myers a resident of the town of Austerlitz in the county and state aforesaid who being 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, to wit.

That he was born on the fourteenth day of June in the year one thousand seven hundred and fifty nine in the town of Old Stockbridge In the County of Berkshire and State of Massachusetts and that he is now seventy two years of age, as by a family record now in his possession will more fully appear.

That in the month of April in the year seventeen hundred and seventy five, being then about sixteen years of age and being a resident of the town of Canaan (now) in the county of Columbia and State of New York aforesaid, he entered the army as a volunteer for the term of nine months, in the second Battallion [Battalion] of the New York forces under the following officers to wit.—

Capt. Joel Pratt first Lieut Benjamin Chittenden, Second Lieut Israel Spencer and Ensign Lee, marched to Hillsdale in said county to Albany where they were joined by three other companies under the command of Capt. Fisher—Capt. White—and Capt Baldwin—all commanded by the field officers Col. VanSchaack and Lieut Col. Peter Yates—

That the company to which this applicant belonged was ordered to proceed to St. Johns in the month of October to relieve the garrison at that place whose term of service was about to expire. This applicant believes the company marched from Albany to Fort George in the month of June and remained at that place until the month of October when they proceeded to St. Johns according to orders & remained at Fort St. Johns untill about the first of January when this applicant together with the said company returned to Albany by way of Crown Pt-Ticonderoga and Whitehall and thence to Hillsdale aforesaid where they arrived about the fifteenth of January one thousand seven hundred and seventy six - where they were verbally discharged by their captain that this applicant no other than a verbal discharge.

That in the month of July one thousand seven hundred and seventy seven being a resident of Canaan aforesaid he entered the army—thinks he was drafted in the militia for one month, under the following officers to wit Capt. Benjamin & Lieut Jonithan Ford in Col. Whitney's Regiment—thinks one Waterman was Lieut Col. marched to Albany and thence to Fort Edward and served as a garrison at the said fort, untill the expiration of his term of service which this applicant believes was sometime in the month of August, when he returned under the command of the said Capt. Benjamin by way of Albany to Canaan aforesaid and was verbally discharged.

That in the month of September and year aforesaid was drafted in the militia for one month and served under the following officers Capt. Benjamin, Lieut Ford, and Lieut Col Waterman. Marched to fort Edward as before remained there untill October when his term of service having expired he returned to Canaan and was discharged as aforesaid.

That in July one thousand seven hundred and seventy nine he was drafted in the militia for one month and served under the following officers, Capt Benjamin and Maj'r Bebee. The names of the other officers this applicant not now recollects. Marched to Albany and thence to Johnstown by way of the Mohawk River—remained at Johnstown untill the expiration of his term of service and returned to Canaan and was discharged as aforesaid.

That sometime in the fall of the year aforesaid, he was drafted for one month and served under the following officers, Capt. Benjamins and Lieutenant Ford. Marched to Albany thence to fort Edward, Johnstown and Waterford, remained at Waterford untill the expiration of his term of service and returned to Canaan where he was verbally discharged by the said Capt Benjamins—

That sometime in the fall of the year one thousand seven hundred and eighty he entered the army. Thinks he was drafted, for one month and served under the following officers, Captain Bartholimew, Burrett, Colonel David Pratt and Major John McKinstry. Marched from Hillsdale to Schenectady—thence to fort Hunter—had an engagement with the enemy composed of Regulars, Tories and Indians under the command of St. Johns, near fort Robby. That the enemy was defeated and were pursued. That Fort Robby was commanded by Colonel Brown, who was killed in an attack made upon the fort by St. Johns [Probably means Sir John Johnson] the day previous to the arrival of the Regiment under Colonel Pratt to which this applicant belonged.

That there were two regiments besides the one under Col. Pratt, as this applicant believes, but the names of whose officers this applicant does not now recollect. That they were all under the command of General VanRensselaer. That the pursuit was kept up until they arrived at Fort Herkimer where they were joined by George Clinton Governor of the State.

That they pursued the enemy into the wilderness towards the lakes when the pursuit was given up and the enemy returned to fort Herkimer and thence to Albany. That the company to which this applicant belonged marched to [?dale] aforesaid where they were verbally discharged.

That he does not now recollect of receiving at any time any other than a verbal discharge. That he has no documentary evidence in support of the facts above mentioned or any of them, and that he knows of no person, whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension, except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency in any state.
(Signed) Moses Myer

Sworn to and subscribed in open court they day and year aforesaid. Hiram Wilbur, Clerk

And to the interrogatories put by the court as the Law Directs and as directed by the War Department he answers as follows.

He was born in the month the 14th day in the year 1759 in Stockbridge in the County of Berkshire & state of Massachusetts.

His family records is now at his house.

Lived when he entered the service in the town of Canaan now Austerlitz has always lived there since the Revolutionary War and lives there still.

He first enlisted a s a volunteer for 9 months after that he was drafted at 5 different times.

The first nine months he was out there was bur four companies they were called the Second battalion there were no other Regiments stationed with them, consequently he can name [?] as to the other tours of service they are named and those with whom he was connected as fully as he can possibly state in his application.

Never Rec'd any written discharge.

He would refer the department for refference [reference] as to character to Abm P. Holdridge Esqr, Counselor at law in the Village of Spencertown to George Lawrence Esqr, Supervisor of the Town of Austerlitz. (Signed) Moses Myer.

Sworn & Subscribed this 22nd day of August 1832. Hiram Wilbur, Clerk