

Pension Application for Samuel Myer

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State of New York

County of Columbia SS.

On the third day of August 1832 personally appeared before the Justices of the Justices Court of the City of Hudson now sitting Samuel Myers, a resident of the Town of Livingston County and State aforesaid, aged 67 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 provision, made by the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

That he was born in the year 1765 in Harlem in the City & County of New York.

That he volunteered and entered the service of the United States in the Summer of 1778 under the command of Colonel Udney Hay at the quartermaster Department in the Town of Fishkill (Genl Washington's Head-quarters) and rode as an express for sometime until Col. Hugh. Hugh's took the command of said department and Continued Riding as an Express under said Hugh's directions until said Department was broken up or removed, while said applicant was under said Hay, and Hugh at Fishkill—he rode to many different places some of which are the following.

Viz: to Danbury Connecticut with Express to Major Starr to Col. Wadsworth, Granville, to Judge Ward, Frederick Vischerugh to Major Campbell, quarter-master at Peekskill Nicholas Quackenbush quarter-master at Albany, Genl Washington West Point. Genl Green at New Windsor, Genl Heath at Robertson's in the Highlands at the place where Arnold the Traitor left the American's and went to the British Shipping. Genl McDougal at Peekskill, Timothy Pickering at NewBurgh quarter-master Genl. Major Hall, Hartford. Col. Morehouse, Dover, and to many other places. Continually on the move during said term, to George Clinton's at Poughkeepsie, Governor of the State. The different Expresses that Rode from Fishkill during said term besides that applicant were, William Myer, James Hay, John McColum, Henry Peckwell, William Slow, all under the command of Capt. Beekman, one other circumstance. Said applicant Rode, with Genl. Lafayette from Fishkill to That Storms, at Hopewell, a distance of about eight milles [miles] as a guide in the night time, also as a guide for County Rochambeau from Col. Morehouse's in Dover to Genl Washington's Head-quarters at New Windsor—all of the above named officers were personally known to said applicant.

That after said department broke up, said applicant went into the Commissary's Store in Fishkill and Served as an assistant Scalesman and in driving Cattle from Fishkil to Peekskill & West Point for about Four Months under Comfort and Joshua Sands, Army Contractors, Tobias VanZant Commissary, Michael Brooks, Scales-man, Godfrey Coons Butcher.

Said applicant has no record of his age, he therefore states only from tradition, as has been Related to him by his parents.

That said applicant resided in the Town of Fishkill at the time he entered the Service and Continued there until after the Revolutionary war & then immediately

after peace, removed with his Father to New York, and resided in said City for the space of about 24 years, and then Removed to the Town of Livingston in the County of Columbia and resided there about 7 years, then moved into the Town of Claverack, in said County, and continued a Resident there, until the first day of April last past, and then Removed into the town of Livingston aforesaid, and has been a Resident of said Town until this date.

Said applicant 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 any State. Said applicant further says that he has never Received any written discharge. Therefore has no documentary evidence. That he has no knowledge of any living witness that he can procure, to certify as to his services—and that his neighbors who can & will testify as to his credibility as to truth & veracity and their belief of his services as above stated are John J. Miller, Walter Patterson, William Miller, Friend Sheldon, Robert H. VanRenssellaer, Jehoiakim, A. Van Valdenburgh and John VanDeasen. (Signed) Samuel Myer

Subscribed & sworn to the day & year aforesaid. Hiram Wilbur, Clerk