

Pension Application for Jacob Odell

S.23344

State of New York

Westchester County SS.

On this fourth day of December In the year one thousand eight hundred & thirty two personally appeared in open court before the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in & for the said County of Westchester now sitting at White Plains in & for the said county of Westchester Jacob Odell now a resident of the town of Yonkers in the said County of Westchester and State of New York aged seventy six years five months & eight days 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 7th 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated.

That some time in the month of May in the year 1776 and as near as this deponent can recollect about the middle of said month of May he enlisted as a private in a company commonly called six months men at a place called Tarrytown in said County of Westchester, which company was commanded by Capt. Stephen Oakley under whom this deponent enlisted in Col. Samuel Drake's Regiment in which company & regiment this deponent served the full term of six months the period of his enlistment, that the latter part of the said period of his inlistment [enlistment] this deponent served under Capt. Gilbert Dean who had the command of said company Captain Oakley being subject to fits and in consequence thereof unable to take the command of this company during the latter part of the period before mentioned.

This deponent further saith that the said company mustered at Kings Bridge the last of May or first of June in the year aforesaid, that he marched with said company to the City of new York where the said company mustered at Kingsbridge the last of May or first of June in the year aforesaid, that he marched with said company to the City of New York where the said company lay in Barricks [barracks] at Greenwich near said City about two or three weeks, during which time this deponent with -works the other members of the said company were imployed [employed]in making breast-works at Greenwich upon Hudsons River, after which this deponent with some other members of the said company were placed under the command of Lieutenant Baker from Long Island & marched with him to Fort Washington on York Island when this deponent was imployed in building a small fortification directly on the bank of Hudsons River in front of Fort Washington& assisting in building Fort Washington, where this deponent remained two or three weeks in which time the British Frigate the Phoenix & [?] passed up the Hudson & fired upon said fortifications

After which this deponent again joined his company in Queens Street in the City of New York and there remained until said company was ordered to Brooklin on Long Island.

That this deponent remained on said Island until after the battle between the British army commanded by Genl Howe & the American Army under Genl Washington

when Lord Stirling was taken prisoner, during which time this deponent was on duty in his said Company & retreated with the American Army to the City of New York when this deponent was taken sick with dissentary [dysentery] & carried to his fathers home at Yonkers aforesaid about twenty miles from the said City where he remained about two weeks when this deponent heaving recovered from his said illness again joined his company at Fort Independence near Kings Bridge in the County of Westchester aforesaid, where he remained several weeks, in this course of which time this deponent was detached with four or five others of said company to conduct to & lodge in the Goal at White Plains some Tories—

That directly after the battle of the White Plains this deponent was employed for some time in transporting & conveying Continental stores from a place called Mile Square in said County to Pines Bridge in said County, after which this deponent joined again his company at Peekskill in said County where he remained until discharged in November or December in the year aforesaid.

To the several Interrogatories put to him this deponent by the said Court this deponent answereth & saith that he was born in the Manner of Fordham, now town of Westchester in the said County of Westchester on the 25th day of July 1756, that he has a record of his age in the family bible is now presented & shown to the Court, that he was living with his father in the town of Yonkers in the said County of Westchester when he was called into service where he has ever since lived and where he now resides, except for the six months service herein before mentioned & set forth & except also one year, about the year 1798 when he resided near the City of New York on the Island of New York, that he enlisted in said service as herein before stated, that he cannot state the general circumstances of his said services more fully than he has before stated & set them forth, that some of the regular officers who were with the troops when this deponent served were General Washington, Lord Stirling, Genl Scott, Col. Fish, Adjutant Fowler.

That this deponent never received any written discharge, but a verbal discharge from Capt Gilbert Dean who paid this deponent off at end of the period of his said enlistment.

That this deponent is known to Lemuel Lyon & William N. Dyckman of the town of Yonkers aforesaid and who can testify to his character for veracity and their belief of his services as a soldier of the revolution.

This deponent hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll or the agency of any state. (Signed) Jacob Odell

Sworn to and subscribed this 4th day of December 1832 ion open court.
N.Bayles Clk of said Court.