

Pension Application for Jonas Orsor or Orser

S.14058 Jonas died July 7, 1834.

Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

State of New York

County of WestChester SS.

On this twenty second day of August in the year one thousand eight hundred and thirty two personally appeared in open court before the Surrogate of the Surrogate Court of the County of the County of West Chester aforesaid now sitting, Jonas Orser, a resident of the town of Mount Pleasant in the County of West Chester and state of New York aged eighty eight 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 7th 1832.

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

That is to say he entered the said service as a volunteer in the militia of the State of New York some time in the month of May 1779 as a Captain in the Regiment of Colonel Joseph Drake, but commanded by Lieutenant Colonel James Hammond; for the term of one year that he served the said year on the American lines (in guarding the same), in the County of WestChester, aforesaid that he faithfully served out said year in doing duty on the lines as aforesaid and was stationed at different places in said County during said year, and received pay for said years service, as a captain.

And the declarant further states that in the years 1776, 1777, and in the first part of the year 1778 (up to the time he received his captain's commission). He as a lieutenant in the company commanded by Captain Ladieu, and in the said Regiment commanded by Lieutenant Colonel James Hammond—that he was frequently in the service during those years ,and that he has no doubt that in the aggregate his service during those years would amount to at least six months but that it is utterly impossible for him; in consequence of the great length of time that has elapsed and the failure of his memory, to state in detail all his services, and the times they were rendered, he however recollects that in the month of July 1776, at the time the British ships Phoenix and Rose railed up the Hudson. He and the Regiment to which he belonged were called out and in consequence of the alarm continued in the service at least six weeks and were stationed at Tarrytown on the banks of the Hudson in said County of Westchester.

That in the month of June 1777 he was again called into the service, as also the said regiment commanded by said Lieutenant Col. Hammond and continued in the service at that time at least one month. This was at the time some British gallies came up the Hudson and he was called out to guard the shores and protect the inhabitants and prevent the enemy from landing from their gallies.

That in the fall of the year one thousand seven hundred and seventy seven, the said Regiment was again called into the service and continued in the service at that time at least six weeks—that he belonged to said Regiment at that period aged served

with it during the said six weeks, on the lines in said County of WestChester and was at the expiration thereof discharged.

That there were, at times some regular officers and soldiers with the militia, when he served as herein before stated; but he does not now recollect the regiments to which they belonged, or the names of the officers.

That he has no other evidence of his service that that herewith transmitted.

And the declarant further states that he was born in the said County of Westchester in the said County of WestChester in the year 1744—has a record of his age in his family bible that at the times he entered the service as aforesaid he lived in the said County of WestChester where he has always lived.

That he received a Captain's and Lieutenant's Commission. That his Captain's commission under which he served in 1779, as hereunto annexed, but that his lieutenant's commission is lost or destroyed. That there is no clergyman living in his immediate vicinity. But that the names of the persons to whom he is known in his present neighborhood who can testify as to his character for truth and veracity and their belief of his services as a soldier of the Revolution are Moses Sherwood and Edward Orser.

That he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is onto on the pension roll of the agency of any state. (Signed) Jonas Orsor

Sworn to and subscribed this twenty second day of August 1832 before me.
Jonathan Ward, Surrogate.

Letter in folder dated December 7, 1923, written in response to an inquiry.

I have to advise you that from the papers in the Revolutionary War pension claim, S.14058, it appears that Jonas Orsor or Orser was born in 1744 in Westchester County, New York, and while residing there served as Lieutenant, at various times in 1776, 1777, and 1778, in all six months, in Captain Ladieu's Company, Colonel Joseph Drake's New York Regiment. He was commissioned, Captain June 16, 1778, and served one year in same regiment.

He was allowed pension on his application executed August 22, 1832, while a resident of Mount Pleasant, Westchester County, New York. He died July 7, 1834.

Children were referred to in 1839, no names stated. There is no further family data on file.