

Pension Application for Isaac Parker

S.23835

State of New York

Orange County SS

On this twenty fourth day of November in the year one thousand eight hundred and thirty two personally appeared before me Gilbert Ogden one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in and for the County of Orange aforesaid (said court being a Court of Record) Isaac Parker of the Town of Cornwall in the County aforesaid aged ninety one 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 state.

In the month of June 1775 he was a serjeant in a company of Militia commanded by Captain Amos Hutchinson of the Town of Harvestraw In the County of Orange at that time now County of Rockland. Patten Jackson was first Lieutenant of said Company, Robert Wood Second Lieutenant & George Johnson Ensign. Said Company was ordered out against the Tories and to arrest deserters a number of times. We were in actual service repeated but how long at any one time or in all deponent cannot now recollect but deponent well remembers that he was ordered to hold himself in readiness at all times to march at one minutes warning & that he served in said company as serjeant as aforesaid under the officers aforesaid six months.

In February 1776 Deponent enlisted for one year in the years service in the same company and under the same officers before named & in the month of March thereafter we were ordered to the City of New York and were attached to the Regiment of Colonel Rishmore of which Wisenvelt was Lieutenant Colonel one Pelton was major of the Regiment and his brother adjutant.

We served in New York City untill the British troops took possession of it which was some short time after the Battle on Long Island which took place the latter part of the month of August in that year. We were then driven to Harlaem Marsh at this place a battle was fought our Regiment was drawn up for battle but before we received orders to march the Brittish gave way and retreated. We then retreated to White Plains where a battle was fought in the latter part of the month of November in the year aforesaid in which the British were successful.

At the battle at Harlaem General Washington was present—General McDougall was with the American troops at Harlaem & commanded at White Plains. Deponent cannot now recollect the names of any other General officers nor does he now recollect the names of the Regiments which were engaged with or at Harlaem or White Plains. The battle took place the latter part of November in the year last aforesaid according to deponents recollection and belief.

After the battle of White Plains the American army retreated to Peekskill and the Regiment was discharged thee about the twentyeth [twentieth] day of December in

the year last aforesaid. William House of the Town aforesaid whose affidavit is hereunto annexed belonged to the same company with deponent and served with him in the years service and was discharged at Peekskill as aforesaid at the same time and deponent also saith that sometime in the year 1777 at the time that DeNagells house was burned at Harvestraw [Haverstraw] by the British which was before the battle of Fort Montgomery but the precise time deponent cannot now recollect.

Deponent was sergeant in a Company of Militia commanded by Captain John Gardner of Harvestraw aforesaid and was ordered out with said Company on that occasion and remained in said service three or four days and the Company then returned home in the month of September 1777 said Company was ordered to Nyack in the State of New Jersey on an alarm. We remained there one fortnight Colonel Cooper commanded the Regiment to which our Company belonged. There was no other Regiment there at that time.

And in answer to the Interrogatories specially put to deponent in pursuance of the Instructions of the Secretary of War he says that he was born at Harvestraw aforesaid in the year one thousand seven hundred and thirty six. That he lived in Harverstraw aforesaid when he entered the service lived there untill some time after the revolutionary war when he removed to the Town of Cornwall aforesaid where he now resides—That he entered the service as a volunteer and served as aforesaid. That he cannot state the names of any other regular officers than those before married nor any other Militia or Continental Regiments nor any other circumstances of service than those above related. That he received no written discharge but was paid off at Peekskill and honorably discharged as aforesaid. Deponent is well acquainted with the said William House & John Winfield of his neighbourhood & Oliver Gridley of the Village of NewBurgh & County aforesaid who can testify to his character for veracity and belief of his services as a soldier of the Revolution and deponent also saith that owing to her old age and the infirmities consequent thereunto he is not able nor is able to attend the next Court of Common Pleas to be held at Goshen in and for the County aforesaid on the third day of December next. That he is wholly unable to travel to Goshen a distance of thirty miles by land and had therefore attended at the office of Walter Case Esquire, to which deponent was conveyed by water for the purpose of making application for his pension before Gilbert Ogden Fowler Esquire.

He 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 the agency of any state. (Signed with his mark) Isaac Parker

Sworn to and Subscribed—the day and year aforesaid before me. Gilbert Ogden, [?] one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in and for Orange County.