

Pension Application for Isaac Patchin

W.18702 (Widow: Sally)

State of New York

Schoharie County SS.

On this sixth day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty two personally appeared in open court before the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas of the County of Schoharie now sitting, Isaac Patchin a resident in the town of Jefferson in the County of Schoharie and State of New York aged seventy years and ten months, 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 under the following named officers and served as herein stated.

That in the month of October or November in the year 1776, he enlisted in the service of the revolution at Harpersfield then in the County of Albany, being the place of his residence, he joined Captain Alexander Harper's Company of rangers, he enlisted for nine months in said company, the company at that time was under the direction of Colonel Peter Vroman or that he had command of the middle fort in Schoharie their head quarters at that time; that one Colonel Butler took the command after Vroman left the fort. That he continued to serve in captain Harper's Company till his nine months had expired which was in July or August in 1777, that as soon as his time had expired he enlisted again at Cobleskill about twelve miles from the middle fort aforesaid for nine months longer in Captain Harper's company he returned to middle fort in Schoharie which was then had quarters, that he continued in said company of rangers till his term for which he enlisted was out when he was discharged at head quarters that he was discharged, as aforesaid, he till continued in the service as a volunteer til sometime in the latter part of March 1780 when he and thirteen others were sent under command of Captain Harper, by Colonel Zeely to go to Harpersfield and about that section of country, that they accordingly marched there & were all taken prisoners excepting three that were killed (that there were thirty Indians and eight tories) and they were all taken to Canada excepting an old man by the name Brown whom they killed and scalped on the way.

That after they got to Niagara this deponent, Ezra Thorp, John Henry, land Freegift Patchin were taken from thence to Montreal and then to Shambilee and there imprisoned in Irons for something like eighteen months, they were then sent to prison Island in the river St. Lawrence and remained there about a year and were then taken to Quebec and from thence to Boston and there liberated that John Henry one of the number died while at Shamblee.

He this deponent was born in Norwork [Norwalk] in the County of Fairfield in the State of Connecticut the 20th of November 1761. That he has no record of his age excepting an entry he has made in his Bible copied from his Father's Bible which is not now in his possession, nor does he know where it is but that his own bible is at his dwelling in Jefferson aforesaid.

That he was living when called into the service at Harpersfield and in Jefferson in the County of Schoharie and State of New York where he now lives. That he entered the service as a volunteer as before stated. As to the names of the regular officers who were with the troops where he served there were but few that he recollects. Col'n Butler from Pennsylvania [Pennsylvania] he was acquainted with, and Colonel Peter Vroman and Colonel Peter Zeely.

That he never had any written discharge that he can recollect of.

That he is known to the following persons living in his neighborhood and town, who he thinks can testify to his character for veracity and their belief of his services as a soldier of the Revolution to wit, the Reverend Stephen Lenn, Aaron Tyler, Seelye Stephens, Valentine Efnor Benjamin Hiccock.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity excepting the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state. (Signed) Thos. Patchin

Sworn and subscribed the day and year aforesaid in open court. John Gebhard Jr. Clk

Letter in folder dated June 3, 1938, written in response to an inquiry.

You are furnished herein the record of Isaac Patchin as found in pension claim, W.18702, based upon his service in the Revolutionary War.

Isaac Patchin was born November 20, 1761, in Norwalk, Fairfield County, Connecticut; the names of his parents were not given.

While residing in Harpersfield, in that part of Albany County which was later Delaware County, New York, Isaac Patchin enlisted in October or November, 1776, served as private in Captain Alexander Harper's company of rangers, Colonels Peter Vroman's and Butler's New York regiments, stationed at Middle Fort in Schoharie County, New York, and was discharged in July or August, 1777. He immediately enlisted at Cobleskill, about twelve miles from Middle Fort, and served another tour of nine months in Captain Alexander Harper's New York company of rangers. He volunteered in March, 1780, served as private I Captain Alexander Harper's company, Colonel Peter Ziele's New York regiment, and while on a scouting party to Harpersfield, was taken prisoner April 7, 1780, in an engagement with thirty Indians and eight Tories, and held until November 28, 1782, or December, 1782, when he was released.

After the Revolutionary War the soldier resided in Harpersfield and in Jefferson, Schoharie County, New York.

Isaac Patchin was allowed pension on his application executed October 6, 1832, while living in Jefferson, Schoharie County, New York. He died there February 23, 1834.

The soldier married Sally Gibbs March 24, 1789, at the home of her father in Harpersfield, Delaware County, New York. The names of her parents were not stated.

Salley Patchin, widow of Isaac, was allowed pension on her application executed May 14, 1839, at which time she was aged sixty-six years and a resident of Jefferson, Schoharie County, New York, where she was still residing in 1843.

No reference was made to children.

In 1832, reference was made to one General Patchin and to Freegift Patchin, their relationship to soldier not shown.

The following persons made affidavit in Schoharie County, New York, in behalf of soldier's widow, Sally Patchin, in her application for pension. In 1838, her brother, Cyrenus Gibbs aged seventy years; in 1839, her sister, Statira Campbell aged seventy-seven years, the given name of Statira's husband not shown; in 1838, one Molly Patchin aged seventy seven years who was present at the marriage of Isaac Patchin to Sally Givvs; and in 1839, one Lewis I. Patchin, the relationship of the last named not given.