

Pension Application for Zophar Perkins.

R.8119 Zophar died March 3, 1833.

State of New York

Cayuga County SS.

On this Fourth day of September one thousand eight hundred and forty nine, personally appeared in open court, before the Court of Cayuga County now sitting Enoch Perkins a resident of the town of Mentz In the county and state aforesaid who being duly sworn deposes and says, that he is of the age of seventy years, that he is the only serving heir of the late Zophar Perkins of the aforesaid town of Mentz on the second or third day of March in the year one thousand eight hundred and thirty three aged eighty-eight years,--

That at the time of his death he left no other heir than the deponent, that he remembers [remembers] his father's being away from home in the service of the War of the Revolution. That in the year, one thousand eight hundred and Forty-six or one thousand eight hundred and forty seven the deponent requested Charles Hopping of the aforesaid town of Mentz to forward to Honorable George Rathbun, then a member of Congress, a certificate of service from the state department of the State of New York, also the affidavits of Jonathan Tompkins, Zodock Rhoades, Valentine Perkins, Jonathan Preseer, and John deGraff a part of whom testified positively to his services in said war, that said Rathbun has since told the deponent that he received said papers and left them on file in the office of the clerk of the house of representatives. That his father the said Zophar Perkins never made application for a pension and never drew one. (Signed) Enoch Perkins.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid. E.B Cobb, Clerk of the County of Congress.

Following the advice of my friends, I have thought proper to detail briefly some of the circumstances which I have heard my father & as well as some others who were with him, relate.

To begin then, I will say that I am the son of Zophar Perkins, who was a Lieutenant in the company of Minute men, at Ulster County. I have seen his commission, frequently & when we removed from Ulster County it was thrown out with some other papers which was considered of no value & lost, I have heard my father say that he was at Kings Bridge, when General Washington retreated from White Plains, and that he was in the Battle there, that he assisted in building Fort Montgomery, below West Point, and was stationed there some time, in the neighborhood, of the fort one season in 1776, one season he was stationed at West Point, he was one season out on the Delaware River watching the motion of the Indians who were committing depredations on the frontiers, he was at another time called to the vicinity of Peekskill, and was stationed at Fishkill at another time where he lay some length of time. I have heard him tell of three or four different actions in which he was engaged with the enemy, my father was 86 years old, when he died, which was on the 3 of March 1833, in consequence of losing his property he was

reduced to want, some 10 years before he died, and I being his only child living, he fell on my hands & I had him to support, which bore heavily on me, as I had no means only by days labour to do it with, I am now 66 years old, in indigent circumstances and poor health, not able to labour but very little. (Signed) Enoch Perkins.

We, the undersigned are personally acquainted with the above named Enoch Perkins who is a person of good character, and whose statements are entitled to full credit. Emore Ploss, Samuel Hardenden, Horack Perkins, Justice of the Peace, Walter H. Smith, William Stevenson, U F. Doubleday.