

Pension Application for John Robinson

R.8905 John died June 26, 1832, 4 days after he turned 88. His wife died many years before. He left a daughter Hannah Vail, wife of John Vail, Martha Benedict wife of Cyrus Benedict, Julia Warner, wife of John Warner, son Daniel B. Robinson, Mary Haight, wife of Samuel J. Haight.

Original Claim

Declaration in order to be placed on the Pension List under the Act of the 18th of March 1818.

State of New York

County of Onondaga SS.

On this 19th day of May 1831 before me George Pettit, a Judge of the Court of Common Pleas in & for said County, being a Court of Record & expressly made such by the laws of the said State by which it is created personally appeared before me John Robinson, resident in said County aged eighty seven years in June next, who being first duly sworn according to Law, doth on his oath, make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the Acts of Congress of the 18th of March 1818 and the first May 1820, that he the said John Robinson, enlisted for the term of nine months in the fore part of May 1781 in the Town of Pawlings in the County of Dutchess [Dutchess] in said state, in the company commanded by Captain Daniel Williams in the regiment commanded by Colonel or Major Richard Sacket, in the line of the State of New York, on the Continental Establishment, that he continued to serve in the said Corps, until he became so sick as to be carried to the hospital near New Winsor [Windsor] some few weeks before the surrender of Cornwallis, which event he now well recollects to have heard of first, at said Hospital, from which he was, soon after said event assisted to go home by his friends, & remained sick until some months after the expiration of his said enlistment, which circumstances prevented his receiving a regular discharge, that he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension, except the present, that his name is not on the pension roll of any state & that he made application for a pension two years ago last fall, which failed for irregularity in the papers which were returned

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On this 25th day of August 1832, personally appeared before John Smith a Judge of the County Courts in and for said County George Pettit of Fabius & being duly sworn by the said [blank] doth, on his own depose & say, that after repeated requests for that purpose, he called at the house of John Vail in {blot] County, where John Robinson, named within then resided, being [blot] take his declaration in order to be placed on the pension list under the Act of the 18th March 1818, the deponent then being a Judge of the County Courts in and for said County, that the said John Robinson was then and there as set forth within on the 19th day of May 1831, duly sworn by me the said deponent, and voluntarily proceeded under his said oath, to state and dictate the facts as within and above set forth & that deponent wrote the same as, and for, his said declaration—

That there was some confusion in the recollection of said John Robinson as to the names and titles of the Field Officers under whom he had served, he appearing to be at a loss which of the two officers named by him, Sacket and Scammell, was the Colonel & which the Lieutenant Col. Or Major, that after some quandary in his mind, he directed the deponent to insert Colonel or Major Richard Sacket, stating at the same time that Col. Scammell was there, and commanded, but that he was absent a good deal & then Sacket commanded that just as said Robinson was about to sign the within declaration, he happened to mention certain papers he had received from the Department, in answer to a previous application, that on Deponents asking to see said papers, said Robinson produced them, among which, was a letter from John Edwards dated Oct 3d 1828, herewith annexed, on reading which, deponent advised said Robinson, there would be no sue in signing said declaration or proceeding any further for want of a second witness besides Trim, which advice was the cause of said Robinson's not signing the within.

That afterwards deponent being informed that on application of John Swift of Fabius aforesaid, was likely to succeed, with but one witness, being again requested by said Robinson, to do something, deponent consented to make another effort, provided said Ezra Trim, from more recollection could consistently correct the error in his former affidavit, & state in another deposition, the facts as hereinafter recited as to Col Scammell's commandings to that it might appear that he was Col. of the Regiment in which said Robinson & Trim served together, that accordingly deponent prepared the deposition annexed, and attested to by said trim on the 20th June 1831, before Judge Eason of Oswego County, who returned the same to deponent in a letter, stating no objection by said Trim to the correction—that deponent forwarded the same of F. G. Jewett Esquire at Washington last winter which was the occasion for the annexed letter from J. L. Edward. Dated January 23, 1832. Sworn & Subscribed the [day] & year aforesaid before John Smith, a Judge of Onondaga County Courts.