

Pension Application for Jacob Shook

S.22987 (Widow: Sarah Innman. Married Jacob in 1828.)

Private in Captain Moulton.

State of New York

Allegany County SS.

On this twenty sixth day of June in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty three personally appeared in open court before the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas of the County of Allegany now sitting at [Angelica?] present Andrew C. Hull first Judge and Asa S. Allen, Josiah Utter and Daniel L. Gilman—assistant Judges Jacob Shook a resident of the town of Portage in said County of Allegany and State of New York aged seventy 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 7, 1832.

That he was born of German parents at a place called Livingston's Manor about eight miles South East of Hudson and two miles south of what was called the "blue stone" which was kept by Peter Livingston that he lived with his grand father who resided on the West Side of the manor until he was about nine years of age after which he went to live with his father who lived near the Tockhannack Mountain on the East Side of the manor that he remained with his father until he arrived at the age of seventeen years after which he went to the town of Salsbury County of Litchfield State of Connecticut that he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated—that he volunteered at the town of Salsury County of Litchfield State of Connecticut in what was called the Connecticut State Troops in the spring of 1781 to serve for the term of one year that the term of service was to commence on the first day of March 1781 and terminate on the first day of March following that he was enrolled by a man by the name of Samuel Lee of Salsburg who was then recruiting soldiers—the General's name was Waterbury who resided in the town of old Stanford. That there was no colonel at that time in the Regiment the Majors name was Webb, the Adjutants name was Whiting that the Captains name was Mathew Smith of Goshen Litchfield County the Lieutenants name was Goodwin the Ensigns name was Cutler the orderly sargeants name was Robert Whitcomb of Sharon one of the Sargeants name was Stanley another Curtis that he cannot recollect the Christian names of the above officers.

That soon after entering the service which was at the town of Salsburg he was marched to White Plains in the State of New York together with one William Shippe and Garnaleal Jaceway, that he was employed at White Plains in keeping guard and scouting for Indians & Tories that after remaining at White Plains for about three months the Regiment marched to a place called horse necks about Seven Miles East of White Plains that he was employed in Scouting & guarding that he remained at horse neck about one months after which the Regiment marched to a place called Palmer's Hill about three or four miles north east from horse neck and about three miles north west of old Stanford, that they there built a fort that he was stationed in the fort the remainder of his term of enlistment that on the first day of March 1782 he was marched to Old Stanford and there discharged. That he received no written discharge. That he knew Captain William Moulton who was an officer in the regular service. That he cannot now recollect that he served with any regular company or regiment. That after being discharged he went back to Salsbury and lived there about nine years after which he moved to Livingstons Manor in the State of New York where he remained about four years after which he moved up the Mohawk River to Caughnawaga that he lived at Caughnawaga about six years from thence he moved to a place called Charleston about fifteen miles west of Caughnawaga from thence to Cherry Valley in the County of Otsego, from thence to Springfield in the County of Otsego from thence to Susquehannah in the town of Tenco Tioga County from thence back to Otsego to the town of Otsego from thence to the town of Woolcot Cayuga County from thence to the town of Portage in Allegany County where he now resides—

that he has no documentary evidence and he knows of no person except those whose affidavits are herewith appended whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service.

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. That he states the names of Asa Stony a clergyman residing in the Town of Angelica in the County of Allegany and David Baldwin residing in the town of Nunda in said County who can testify to his character for truth and veracity.

(Signed) Jacob Shook

Sworn to and subscribed the day & year aforesaid J. W. Hermann Clk.