

Pension Application for Isaac Springer or Springer

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Most of the documents in this file are too light to be read.

Sir, There is evidence in the Comptrollers Office of Isaac Springer's service in the Rev. War as a 2d Lieutenant under Capt. Samuel Sacket, Col. James Holmes.

It is found on a certified Muster Roll of the company, & he is noted as "appointed December 17th 1775" and was left at Montreal sick.

The Muster was made on the "13th February 1776 before Quebec".

This will show not quite two months service, and as the law requires six months in order to get any pensions, I have deemed it useless to send a certificate of said service until you are satisfied or can prove that he "was taken into the service" (in the language of the resolution to which your attention is called on the other page) sometime before he was "appointed".

You see that that Regiment was ordered to get to Albany as early as August 11th and possibly he may have been in service, at that time. If so, it would make six months certainly. We have no evidence of his appointment at any earlier period again, he was sick in Montreal probably at the time of the Muster and of course so long as he was sick he was in service, without he was discharged.

You will have to make use of the reference to which I have called your attention in order to secure a pension, and possibly at Washington may be found something going to prove, what I intimate, as to the time of his joining and also as to the time of his discharge.

You will see by Capt. Sackett's letter that he & other officers claims that so long as they hold their commissions, so long they are serving.

The fee for this will be two dollars which you can send if you wish a certificate.

Resp. A. W. Lee, Examining Clerk Rev. Co.
Comptrollers Office Albany June 17th.

New York

See "Journal of the Provincial Congress" Vol. 1. Page 105, date August 11th 1775.

"Enclosed and ordered, that Colo. . . . & Holmes do respectively march to Albany with all convenient speed, with the men now raised and under their respective commands &c."

"Resolved & ordered, that the pay of the officers employed in the troops now raised or raising in this colony, shall commence from the time they were respectively taken into the service."

The date of the above goes to show that Col. Holmes & the officers or rather certain officers of his Regiment had been "taken into the service" previous to August 11th 1775—They were ordered to go to & remain at Albany. The resolution does not speak of the date of their commissions. It says, "when taken into the service." They may have been acting sometime as officers, before they were commissioned.

See Capt. Samuel Sacketts letter at page 982 same book, also see page 243 of 2d Vol. of Journal of the New York Provincial Congress.