

Pension Application for Jacob Suter

W.16429 (Widow: Margaret)

State of New York

Albany County SS.

On this 20th day of November A.D. 1832 personally appeared before me, Joseph B. Moore a Judge of the County Courts of the County of Albany in the state aforesaid Jacob Suter, a resident of the town of Bern in the County of Albany and State of New York aged 79 years and upwards 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 entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated.

He first entered the said service in the Town of Bethlehem in the County of Albany and State of New York a volunteer and enlisted in Capt. VanWie's Company in Colo. VanDenburgh's Regiment of Militia the last of September 1776 for the term of three months as a drummer and was immediately marched to Saratoga in the State of New York where the said Company and Regiment were engaged in building barracks and he this declarant served as a drummer in said company until his term of three months expired. He was discharged about the first of January 1777 and then returned home.

He again entered the said service at Bethlehem aforesaid and joined Capt. William Winn's Company in Colo VanDenburgh's Regiment of Militia as a substitute for one Jacob Kimme who had been drafted, he joined the said company about the first of July 1777 and was immediately ordered by the Capt to serve as a drummer for the said company and was immediately marched to Fort Edward in the State of New York where he served as a drummer and as a substitute for the said Jacob Kimme for the term of two months; and was discharged about the first of September 1777 and then returned home.

He again entered the said service at Bethlehem aforesaid a volunteer and enlisted in Capt. Van Wie's company in Colo Quackenbush's regiment of militia on the first of September 1778 for the term of three months as a drummer and was marched to Schoharie and stationed at the Upper Fort where he served as a drummer in the said company until his term of three months expired. He was discharged on the first of December 1778 and then returned home.

He again entered the said service at Bethlehem aforesaid a volunteer and joined Capt. Leonard's Company in the month of August (as near as he can recollect) in the year 1779 for the term of one month—Isaac VanArnum was a Lieutenant in said company but he cannot recollect the Colonel's name who commanded the regiment—He served as a drummer in the said company and was marched to Saratoga where he staid a short time, and from there was marched to Schenectady where staid until his term of one month expired, and was discharged in the month of September 1779 as near as he can recollect—He was in the actual service of the United States in the Revolutionary War in an embodied Corps and served as a drummer, Nine Months: and for such service he claims a pension.

He was born in Holland in the month of February 1753 and came to this country when he was 12 years of age and arrived at New York and from there he removed to Albany and from there to the Town of Bethlehem in the County of Albany where he resided when he entered the said service at the several periods above mentioned, he continued to reside in Bethlehem until he removed to his present place of residence in the said town of Bern, where he has lived for the last 36 years.

He has seen a record in his father's Bible which is now lost.

He does not recollect the names of any of the regular officers he served with except Genl Schuyler. He knew Doct Stringer also. He does not particularly recollect what Continental or Militia regiments he served with.

He never received a written discharge, nor was he in any battles.

He is known to John H. Warner Esqr, Stephen Willes, Esqr, Nathaniel Gallup Esq, Albert Gallup Esqr, Sheriff of the County, Joshua Gallup, Colo Jesse Wood, Frederick Ball, and John S. Shope & others,

who reside in his present neighborhood and who can testify as to his character for veracity and their belief of his services as a soldier of the revolution.

He has no documentary evidence relating to his service, nor does he know of any person he can procure to testify to his service, Jacob Kimme whom he served as a substitute for is dead as he has every reason to believe, and he has made diligent enquiry to find witnesses of his service but without effect, as he cannot find any proof.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state.

He this declarant further states that he resides 20 miles from the City of Albany where the courts of record for the County of Albany are held, and that he first had his declaration prepared in order to be sworn to in open court, but that in consequence of a disease in his head, he has been compelled to have his declaration made in order to be sworn at home, that he is entirely unable to travel that distance to attend the court by reason of bodily infirmity, that h has a severe dizziness or giddiness in his head, that makes him nearly blind, and renders him totally unable to travel, and that he cannot possibly go that distance from his home even if he is deprived of a pension on that account.

He is unable to write his name having never been taught to write. (Signed) Jacob Suter

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid before me, J.B. Moore Judge of Albany County Courts.