

Pension Application for Job Tilson

W.11634 (Widow: Hester) Hester Freer married Job Tilson September 29, 1796. Job died September 13, 1853.

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Declaration. In order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed the 7th of June 1832.

State of New York

Ulster County SS.

On this fifteenth day of December in the year one thousand eight hundred and forty one at a Court of Common pleas and General Sessions held at the court house (now sitting) in the village of Kingston in and for the County of Ulster aforesaid personally appeared in open court before the Judges thereof Job Tilson a resident of the town of New Paltz county of Ulster and State of New York aged seventy five 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 the seventh of June 1832.

That he entered the Service of the United States and served as herein after stated viz.

1st That he was born in the town of Amania in the County of Dutchess—State of New York aforesaid on the twenty ninth day of January in the year one thousand seven hundred and sixty six.

2nd That he has a record of his age in his family Bible.

3rd That in the revolutionary war he resided with his father in the town of Hurley, from which place he has since removed a short distance and where he has ever since resided which now it in the town of Newpaltz [New Paltz] in the County of Ulster aforesaid.

4th That he was a substitute for his father and also for a class was never drafted nor volunteered.

5th That the names of the Officers whom he knew were Captains Livingston and Pawling and Colonels Wysenfelt and Pawling and also Lieutenant Vanduezen.

6th That he never had a written discharge.

7th And that he knows Levi McKean Esqr. Justice of the peace Solomon E. Etinger Esqr former Sheriff and Reuben H. Hine and Abraham A. Deyo Esqr Judges of the County Courts who are all his neighbors and acquaintances and who can testify to his character for veracity and their belief of his Services as a Soldier in the Revolution.

He further declares that in the latter part of the revolutionary was and he thinks it was either in the Summer of 1780 or 81. This applicant became a Substitute for his father Timothy Tilson who as ordered out as a private in a Militia company under the command of Captain Lefever and served in his stead and was stationed at a place called Lurenkill in the town of Wawarsing for the defence of the County of Ulster for the term of about one month.

He further declares that he afterwards served as a Substitute for his Brother Timothy Tilson also on the frontier of Ulster County for the term of about fourteen days as a private soldier.

He further declares that in the spring of the year of 1781 or 2 this applicant became a substitute for a class out of a Militia company in his own neighborhood to serve as a private soldier in a company of levies for the term of eight months for which this declarant received from said class a bounty.

He further declares that he was ordered to Kingston village where the whole Regiment met and were mustered under the command of Col. Albert Pawling.

That this declarant with part of company under the immediate command of a Lieutenant were principally stationed at a place called Waghkunk [Shawangunk?] in the town of Woodstock and were part of the time marching and scouting through the towns of Woodstock, Shandaken and Saugerties and along the foot of the Catskill mountains for the defense of the frontier of Ulster County untill the latter part of December of the same year marched back to Kingston and were duly discharged but received no written discharge.

He further declares that the foregoing statement of Nine months & fourteen days is all the service he remembers to have performed as a private soldier during the revolutionary war which in consequence of the lapse of time and loss of memory may be incorrect as to dates and commanding officers, but he is positive he has served not less [than] the period of nine months & fourteen days mentioned above.

He further declares that he has no documentary evidence nor does he know of any living witness to prove any of the foregoing statements except a man by the name of Henry Osterhoudt who as deponent is informed is still living and who was a private soldier at the same time.

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

He further declares that the reason he has not made application ere now is because his circumstances were good & which have since become changed, this together with the infirmity of age have induced him to apply for the benefit conferred on those who are entitled by the said act & which he believes he is one and which he was not in want of untill now. (Signed with his mark) Job Tilson

Sworn to and subscribed on the day and aforesaid before me. Geo. A. Gay
Clerk