

Pension Application for Joshua Van Fleet

S.7784

State of New York

Ontario County SS

On this twenty eighth day of August 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Judges of the County Court now sitting, Joshua Van Fleet and resident of the town of Manchester County of Ontario and State of New York aged sixty eight 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 entered the service of the United States under the following named Officers and served as herein stated.

1st At Minisink in the Company Commanded by Lieutenant Tryon he volunteered to served one month and was marched to Peen Pack and done duty there in Dewitts Fort, this was in August 1779 and served against the Indians.

2d At Warwick on or about the 1st June 1780 he was drafted in Captain Shepards Company in Colonel Henry Wisner Regiment and was marched to Minisink and done duty there, do not know how how [sic] long he was out, thinks it was 15 days.

3d At Warwick has aforesaid in September in the same Company, did a Similar duty and at the same place.

4th At Warwick as aforesaid about the 10th June 1781 he was drafted for six months and was marched to Fishkill and joined Colonel Wisenfelts Regiment. This was in Captain Goodwins Company, and went to Albany in a Sloop, Captain Dodge's Company went in the same Sloop and at Albany done duty there for two or three weeks and was then ordered to Fort Hunter on the Mohawk and then marched to Johnstown and was sent out on Scouts. Was marched back to Fort Hunter then to Saratoga then to Fort Edward then back to Saratoga and there done duty until his time expired.

When at Saratoga built a BlockHouse was marched back to Albany and was there discharged and went home. Has no documentary evidence. He had a discharge from Colonel Wisenfelt and in the year 1784 it was burned up in his Fathers house at Wilksbarre, during the troubles at that place. He knows Vincent Grant and besides him he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service. He knows Thomas Barney and Vincent Grant of Canandaigua.

He was born at Minisink State of New York on the 22d July 1764. After the war moved to Wilksbarre, and lived there about 5 years, then to Tioga, then to Manchester where he now resides, and has lived for thirty five years last past.

Has no record of his age. When at West Point he saw General Washington. Saw General Schuyler at Albany and Saratoga, when the news of Cornwallis Capture reached there, and there was great rejoicing.

He never received any pay for his services.

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. (Signed) Joshua Van Fleet.

Sworn and Subscribed to the day and year aforesaid in open Court. In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and seal of Office, this first day of September A.D. 1832. Charles Crane, Clerk of Court.

Letter in folder dated May 26, 1928, written in response to an inquiry.

In response to your letter of the twenty-fourth instant, I have the honor to advise you from the papers in the Revolutionary War pension claim S.7784, it appears that Joshua Van Fleet was born July 22, 1764 at Minisink, New York.

He served as a private with the New York Troops, as follows—

Enlisted at Minisink in August 1779 and served one month under Lieutenant Tryon; enlisted at Warwick June 1, 1780 and served fifteen days in Captain Shepard's Company, Colonel Henry Wisner's Regiment; enlisted at Warwick in September 1780 and served in same company, length of service not stated; and enlisted at Warwick June 10, 1781 and served six months in captain Goodwin's Company, Colonel Weisenfels' Regiment.

He was allowed pension on his application executed August 28, 1832, while a resident of Manchester, Ontario [document ends here, no second page to this letter].