

## **Pension Application for Jacob Van Pelt**

R.10887

State of New York

Otsego County SS

On this 24<sup>th</sup> day of October in the year 1832 personally appeared before his Honor Sherman Page Esquire one of the Judges of the Court of Com'n Pleas in and for the said County of Otsego, State of New York, Jacob Van Pelt a resident of the Town of Unadilla in Otsego County in [the] 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 7<sup>th</sup> of June 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named Officers and served as herein stated—to wit—

That he enlisted for six months at Coxsackie in the County of Albany then now County of Greene in the Compy Commanded by Captain VanSchaick in the Regiment Commanded by Captain Van Schaick in the Regiment commanded by Colo Van Bergen in the New York Militia or State Troops in the year 1775—that he went with said company up to Lake George where they was stationed performing garrison duties and in scoughting [scouting] expeditions &c until said six months expired and he was discharged at Fort George.

That in the spring of the year 1776 he enlisted for nine months in Captain Houghtatins Company in Colo Anthony Van Bergen's Regiment and went up the Mohawk River to Stone Arabia and JohnsTown that Johnsons Dwelling House was the Genl Headquarters that he served with said company in a variety of expeditions. That in a scoughting excurtion [excursion?] they took a number of Indians as prisoners and took them down to the city of Albany in the Winter Season and his Term of service being out he was Discharged at Albany.

That in the spring of the year 1777 he enlisted at Coxsackie for one year in a company of Minute Men Commanded by Capt Houghtailing in Colo Van Bergen's Regiment and were imployed [employed] the forepart of the season in guarding the stores of Inhabitants at Cairo and Freehold of the Vicinity and that in July they were ordered to the North and went to Lake Champlain and Wood Creek—from thence they retreated before Burgoin's Army to Stillwater by the way of Fort George & Fort Miller. That he was at the Taking of Burgoin's Army and after his surrender the said company return'd home not discharged but summond [summoned] in readiness to go when of [or] where call'd for—that they were call'd & did go in pursuit of the Indians who took & burnt Stropes House and the Old man & his wife were kill'd and burnt in the House and some of the family that secreted themselves in the woods were saved & protected by said company—that after their return they were discharged some time in the year 1778 he thinks before Harvest after serving in said company some time over one year.

That he has no documentary evidence—that he hired Danl Burr to go to Coxsackie in pursuit of persons who served with him but that he did not find any remaining alive as may appear by said Burr's Certificate hereto annexed.

That 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 with his mark) Jacob Van Pelt

Sworn to & Subscribed the day & year aforesaid. S. Page Judge of the Ct of Com Pleas of Otsego Co.

The Interrogatories prescribed by the War Department being then put by the said Judge to the said Applicant under oath when he gave the following several answers on his Examination to wit—

That he was born in Kinderhook in the year 1757—that he has no record of his age but Traditionary Information—That he lived in Coxsackie when call'd into the service and also about 10 or 12 years after the war. That he has lived in Unadilla in Otsego County about thirty four years part and that he lives there now—that he enlisted & volunteered into the service—that he served sometime in Capt Canmine's Compy not before mentioned—with Capt Van Schick und[er] Genl TenBroock, [?] & Gates. That he had no written discharge but that he had a furlough or pass that he refers to Col Dan'l Cone - Esquire Cone—Neal Robertson & S. Benton Esqr who are acquainted with him & can testify as to his character for veracity and belief of his said services.