

Pension Application for Jacob Van Tassel

S.23465

(I think this was supposed to be dated September 3, 1832.)

State of New York

City and County of New York SS

On this 3rd day of September personally appeared in open court before the Marine Court of the City and County of New York now sitting, Jacob Van Tassel a resident of said city and county aged 88 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 was born in Tarrytown Wet Chester County in the year 1744. That he that no record of his age.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers at Tarrytown aforesaid and served as herein stated.

He received a Lieutenant's commission in a company of Militia of the State of New York commanded by Capt Combs in the Regiment commanded by James Hammond in the latter part of the year 1778 or the beginning of 1779 which regiment was located in Westchester County State of New York and served sometime as a Lieutenant was afterwards appointed a Captain in said regiment, and was taken prisoner when in command of a small detachment of men at Croton River Westchester county in the night. The house where he lodged being surrendered and that he was held as a prisoner at the prison in New York for 5 weeks when he was suffered to proceed to Long Island on parole where he remained on parole untill after the surrender of Cornwallis when he reported ton general Heath then at West Point and received orders from him to proceed with a detachment of men to collect the public property near the lines and that he performed that duty and remained in service in his regiment until the close of the war, after which he was appointed a Major in said Regiment.

He was acquainted with Capt Bucannan, who was ordered by Genl Heath (Capt Bucannan being commander of the American Whale Boats) to take possession of Capt Van Tassel's house, which was situated on the banks of the North River 2 miles south of Tarrytown a favourable spot to view the movements of the enemy, where they remained two seasons, and soon after which the British sent a force and burnt the house and all of the out buildings, for which he was never received any compensation.

He hereby relinquishes any 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) Jacob Van Tassel

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid. John Barberie, Clerk.

Letter in folder dated March 11, 1939, written in response to an inquiry.

Reference is made to your request for information relative to Revolutionary War soldiers named Jacob Van Tassel who served from New York State.

The data which follow were obtained from paper son file in the pension claim, S.23465, based on the military service of the only Jacob Van Tassel that is found in the Revolutionary War records of this office.

Jacob Van Tassel (personal signature Van Tassel) was born in 1744 in Tarrytown, Westchester County, New York. The names of his parents are not shown. At the commencement of the Revolution he was a farmer living in Greensburgh which was two miles south of Tarrytown.

He enlisted in 1776 and performed various services at different periods as a private and sergeant in captain Claude Regnaw's company of Westchester County, New York. The names of his parents are not shown. At the commencement of the Revolution he was a farmer living in Greensburgh which was two miles south of Tarrytown.

He enlisted in 1776 and performed various services at different periods as private and sergeant in captain Claude Regnaw's company of Westchester County, New York militia until said captain Resigned in 1778. On June 16, 1778, Jacob Van Tassel was commissioned second lieutenant in the same company then commanded by Captain George Comb in Lieutenant Colonel James Hammonds' regiment of New York militia and Cornelius Van Tassell (relationship not shown) was the first lieutenant. Jacob Van Tassel was placed in command of a detachment of six privates and they went down the Hudson River to obtain information relative to the movements of the British and on the return trip the house in which he was lodging for the night, located in the vicinity of the Croton River, was surrounded by the British on July 1, 1779, and Jacob Van Tassel was taken prisoner, was carried to New York City and held in the "old jail" for four or five weeks when he succeeded in getting information to Skinner, the commissary of American prisoners, at whose insistence he was placed on parole, was sent to Flatbush, Long Island, and remained there on parole until November 27, 1781, when he was exchanged, He then reported to General Heath at West Point and received orders to proceed with a detachment of men to collect public property which service he rendered until the close of the Revolution.

Jacob Van Tassel stated that Abraham, Isaac, and David Van Tassel and William Raton, all his relatives (exact relationship not shown) were taken prisoner along with himself but all were dead in 1836.

During Jacob Van Tassel's imprisonment the British destroyed his dwelling and other buildings in Greensburgh which for two season had been occupied by Captain Buchanan who commanded the American Whale boats.

Jacob Van Tassel was appointed captain in Lieutenant Colonel Gilbert Budd's regiment of Westchester County militia on June 24, 1786.

In 1828 Jacob Van Tassel was living in New York City.

He was allowed pension on his application executed September 3, 1832, while living in New York City. In 1836 he was living at 395 Greenwich Street, New York City.

Jacob Van Tassel died August 24, 1840.

There are no further data relative to the family of Jacob Van Tassel.

