

Pension Application for Jeremiah Vincent

W.22489 (Widow: Mary) Jeremiah and Mary married June 1793. Jeremiah died June 8, 1833.

State of New York

Saratoga County SS.

On this thirteenth day of September 1832 personally appeared before me George Palmer one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in and for the County of Saratoga Jeremiah Vincent resident of the town of Half Moon in the County of Saratoga aged ninety one 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 7th 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

That he entered the Service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated.

That in the year 1775 at the commencement of the Revolution he this deponent commanded a company of Militia which company belonged to the 12th Regiment of the then company of militia which company belonged to the 12th Regiment of the then County of Albany, State of New York Colonel Jacobus Van Schoonhoven was Colonel James Gordon was Lieutenant Colonel and Ezekiel Taylor was Major that at this time he this deponent lived in the town of Half Moon then called Half Moon District then Albany County now Saratoga, that during the most part of said Revolution this Section together with many others in the State were much affected by Tories that there was a Sub Committee called the Newtown Sub Committee of Safety living in the same town having full Power a& authority to detect all Suspected persons disarm them and bring them before the said committee of Newtown.

And this deposition further saith that the said district in which he loved was situated on the Borders of the Hudson & Mohawk Rivers that the army of Burgone on the North within the County of then Albany and the Indians & Tories on the west and within the limits of the County made this Country together with many others within its bounds the seat of war within this State for many months and years during the Revolution that living as he thus [depr?] did in a Section between a foe on either it was necessary to keep up a military force at all times ready at a moments warning was will appear from documents hereunto annexed.

And this deponent further saith that he was called on to enter into the service of the United States as a Militia Captain at the commencement of the war that he commanded the company which until August (1777) when he this deponent at the retreat of the Americans when was ordered from the Commanding officer for all the Inhabitants living on the North West side of the Mohawk River to retreat to the South part of the County near Albany that he this deponent—then gave up his command to the Subaltern and by place were supplied by Joshua Taylor that the deponent went to Beekman Dutchess County where he remained with the following when he returned to

Half Moon when he served his country as a volunteer at all times when necessary until the close of the same.

And this deponents further saith that from the time the war the war [sic] commenced that is from the commencement of the year 1775 as above stated until the Middle of August 1777 at which time he gave up the command of his company he this deponent was called into service with the whole or a part of his company at least one half of his time.

That his duty consisted in marching against Tories on existing alarms, Guards Patrolling, Scouting parties and putting in force and military orders orders [sic] as was issued by the Committee both general and sub-committee which was done by military force and this deponent saith that he has now in his possession some of the documents pertaining to that service in the year 1775, 76, or 1777 that he has also testimony of persons who served under him during that period hereunto annexed by old age and infirmity of body and mind has nearly obliterated transactions of that date from his recollection, that the body and mind has nearly obliterated transactions of that date from his recollection.

That he is poor and [in] indigent circumstances in life and his bodily infirmities are such that he has not rested in his bed at night for the last fourteen years and also that his nerves are so much affected that he cannot write his name. And he this deponent further saith that during the War of the Revolution that is from the commencement of the same in the year 1775 to August 1777 he this deponent was out on duty as a Captain as afore stated in actual service of the United States at least one half of his time and also the said deponent served as a militiaman & private voluntarily at all times during the period of the revolution from April 1778 to the close of the same. Yet how long a period of service at any set time or how often during each year this deponent cannot recollect.

To the Interrogatories propounded by the Court I answer as follows.

1st I was born in the town of East Chester, West Chester County State of New York on the 18th day of October 1741.O. S. [Old Style]

2. I have a record of my age in in a [sic] a family Bible.

3. I live in the town of Half Moon Saratoga then Albany State of New York at the time I entered the service of the United States I lived in the said town County and State during the revolution and have lived there ever since and state reside there.

4. I was called into the service of the United States on alarms Patrolling parties Scouting &c and in obedience to the general order of the Sub-Committee of Half Moon District and committee of Albany.

5. Colonel Jacobus VanSchoonhoven commanded James Gordon was Lieut Colonel Ezekiel Taylor was Major Continental or State Troops General Schuyler, Poor [text ends here].

6th I received a Captains Commission signed by the Continental Congress but by whom it was signed I do not recollect it was presented to me by Rutgar Lansing Present of the Committee of Safety of Albany which commission is [Lot. Lost?]

I would then offer the names of William C. Foster, Seth Higgins, Levi Dusenberry and Jacob Teachout who are known to me in my present neighborhood who can testify as to my character for veracity and their belief of my services as a soldier of the Revolution.

I hereby relinquish every claim to a pension or annuity except the present and declare that my name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state. (Signed with his mark) Jeremiah Vincent

Sworn & subscribed the day & year aforesaid. George Palmer.

Letter in folder dated December 2, 1930, written in response to an inquiry.

You are advised that it appears from the papers in the Revolutionary War pension claim, W.22489, that Jeremiah Vincent was born October 18, 1741, O.S. at East Chester, Westchester County, New York.

[In handwriting: *A statement by the Secy of State of NY gives June 22, 1778 as the date of his 2nd com. But Mrs. Finch said use soldier's statement which did not give this date.*]

While residing in Half Moon, Albany (later Saratoga) County, New York, he was commissioned Captain and served as such on various tours from March, 1775, until the middle of August, 1777, at least nine months and twenty-eight days in all, in Colonel Jacobus VanSchoonhoven's Twelfth New York Regiment.

He also served at various time from April, 1778, until the close of the war, as a private in the New York Troops, officers names and dates not given for these services.

He was allowed pension on his application executed September 13, 1832, at which time he was residing in Half Moon, New York.

He died June 8, 1833, in said Half Moon.

The soldier married June 23, 1793, in Half Moon, New York, Mary, her maiden name not stated.

She was allowed pension on her application executed August 31, 1838, at which time she was aged eighty-four years and resided in Half Moon, New York.

She died May 1, 1853.

No reference is made to any children.

The above noted is the only soldier named Jeremiah Vincent found on the Revolutionary War records of this bureau, and said records fail to afford any information in regard to Henry Dixon, as described by you.