

Pension Application for James Wasson

S.43241

James died Feby 4, 1846.

State of New York

County of Schenectady SS

James Wasson now a resident of the City of Schenectady—County & State aforesaid aged, fifty five years and upwards being duly sworn, deposeth & saith that in the year, One thousand seven hundred & seventy eight—he enlisted for the term of eight months; as a boatman belonging to Captain Disous' Company under the command of Major Chandonnet & that he served for the full period.—

That in the spring of one thousand seven hundred and seventy nine, he enlisted in Capt. John F. Hamtramicks Company the fifth Regiment of New York Continental troops—commanded by Col. Lewis Dubois and was in General Sullivans expedition to the westward, and continued in said company & Regiment more than nine months on the establishment against the common enemy, until he was discharged which is lost or mislaid and this deponent farther saith—that in the year 1780—he inlisted [enlisted] in Capt. Jacob Lansing[’s] Company of New York levies for four months—Col. Morris graham’s Regiment and served his full period of time, and was discharged, and this Declarant farther saith that in the year one thousand seven hundred & eighty one, he inlisted in Captain Stephen White[’s] Company, Col. Marinus Willett’s Regiment of New York State troops, and continued more than nine months—and this Deponent farther saith that in the spring of one thousand seven hundred & eighty two he was offered a commission in Col. Marinus Willett’s said Regiment of troops, which his domestic circumstances than [then] rendered it unadvisable to accept, and this Deponent farther saith that the Regiments of Col. Dubois, and Col Willett were both on the establishment and that they served against the enemy & that by reason of his reduced circumstances in life in need of assistance, from his country for support and that he has never had any Pension allowed him by the laws of the United States. (Signed) James Wasson.

Sworn before me the 1st day of April 1818. John Yates, one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas for the County [of] Schenectady.

Letter in folder dated April 4, 1940, written in response to an inquiry.

Reference is made to your letter in which you request information in regard to james Wasson, a soldier of the Revolutionary War, who was born in Schenectady, New York, and died in Sterling, New York.

The data which follow were obtained from the papers on file in pension claim, S.43241, based upon service of James Wasson in the Revolutionary War.

James Wasson entered service in the Revolutionary War as a boatman in Captain Disous' company under command of Major Chandonnet and continued eight months. He enlisted next as a private in Captain John F. Hamtramck's company, Colonel Lewis Dubois' 5th New York Regiment, was in General Sullivan's western expedition, having served three years. He enlisted in 1781 and served nine months as

private in Captain Stephen White's company, Colonel Marinus Willet's New York regiment. He stated that in the spring of 1782, he was offered a commission in Colonel Marinus Willet's regiment "which his domestic circumstances then rendered it unadvisable to accept".

James Wasson was allowed pension on account of his service in the Revolutionary War on his application executed April 1, 1818. L He resided then in Schenectady, New York; he gave his age on July 6, 1820, fifty-eight years, but did not state the date and place of his birth nor the names of his parents. The residence of this soldier at the time he entered service in the Revolutionary War was not given.

In 1820, this soldier's wife, Peggy was aged forty-eight years; her maiden name was not given, nor the date and place of their marriage. The names of their children who lived at home then were given as follow: Nancy, aged sixteen years; Susanna, aged fourteen years; Thomas, aged eleven years; Jacob, aged eight years; William, aged seven years; Oliva, aged five [five] years; and Mariah, aged two years. The date of death of Peggy, this soldier's wife, is not shown.

In 1883, Jacob D. Wasson, of Marble Rock, Floyd County, Iowa, stated that his father, James Wasson, the Revolutionary War pensioner who lived in Sterling, Cayuga County, New York, died February 4, 1847 and stated further that he was the only surviving child of this soldier.