

Pension Application for Jacob Wiggins

S.11852

State of New York

Oneida County SS

On this 12th day of December 1832 personally appeared in open court in the court of common pleas, now sitting Jacob Wiggins a resident of said County and State aged 72 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 – viz.

- (1) That he was born at NewBurgh, on the North River in the State of New York in the year 1760—
- (2) There is no record of his age to his knowledge—though the above is the time of his birth as received by him from his parents and he believes the same to be correct.
- (3) Resided at NewBurgh when he entered the service—since the war he resided at Saratoga N.Y. and Western Oneida Co., N.Y. where he now resides.
- (4) That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated viz.— In the fall of 1777 was drafted at NewBurgh N.Y. in Capt Conklin's Company of militia in Col. Cornelius Hasboucks Regt of militia—at least he believes his Christian name was Cornelius – and marched from NewBergh to the frontiers as it was called, though Platterkill, Wallkill, Shongum, Mamacotting and Shandakin near the line of Pennsylvania to guard and protect the Inhabitants from the incursions of the Indians.

That he continued in that service in the region about Shandakin—until sometime in the summer of 1778—when the troops returned and we crossed the river to Peekskill, and there were discharged—having served the full term of eight months. Did not receive any discharge in writing.

Recollects a Capt Glasby who had charge of a company with Capt Conklins Co.

There were no Continental officers with us—during this Service. The suffering of the troops during this campaign was great, and the duty being arduous.

And in Spring of 1779 or the first of Summer, he volunteered to go to the frontiers in a company of militia commanded by Captain Samuel Clarke Lt Cane—and in Col. Hasboucks Regt—There were some other companies with us, but he has forgotten the names of the officers who had command.

Did not receive any discharge in writing.

- (5) Shortly after this service and in the fall of some season was again drafted in Capt. Glasbys company of Militia and marched again to the Frontiers as it was called, and there served at a place called Mamakatting for the full period of one month in guarding and protecting the Inhabitants from the Indians—Was then regularly discharged, but did not receive any written discharge. Does not recollect the names of any other officers. There were no continental officers with us.

(6) This deponent never received any written discharges from the Service.

(7) He refers to persons living in Weston with whom he is acquainted and who knew his character and reputation viz. George Brayton, Esq, Henry Wagner Esq, Doct T. S. Mills, Prosper Road esq an many others if it prove necessary might be referred to.

He knows of no witness living who was with him in the service—but refers to the affidavit of his brother Anning Wiggins who recollects of his going into service.

There is no settled minister now living in Western, so that a clergyman's Certificate cannot be procured.

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) Jacob Wiggins

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid. Joseph B. Read Dep Clk

Letter in folder dated April 18, 1833, written in response to an inquiry.

Reference is made to your letter in which you request the Revolutionary War records of Annin and Jacob Wiggin, also the children of one Captain James or David Wiggin, who may have served in that war.

A search of the Revolutionary War records has been made in your behalf and no claim for pension or bounty land found based upon service in the Revolutionary War of an Annin Wiggin, both names variously spelled. Such claims are the source of Revolutionary War data furnished by this office. The records of the children of the Captain Wiggin cannot be identified, should they be on file, without the full name. The record of Jacob Wiggins is given below as found in his claim for pension, S.11852, based upon his service in the Revolutionary War. [*In margin, Capt Jacob Conklin*]

Jacob Wiggins was born in 1750 at Newburgh "on the North River" in the state of New York. His father resided in that town during the Revolution; the names of his parents are not stated.

While residing at said Newburgh, Jacob Wiggins enlisted and served as a private with the New York Troops as follows: from sometime in the fall of 1777 until the summer of 1778, about eight months in all, in Captain Conklin's Company, Colonel Hasbrouck's Regiment and guarded the frontiers against the Indians: from the spring of 1779, three months in Captain Samuel Clarke's Company, Colonel Hasbrouck's Regiment; and in the full of same year, one month in Captain Glasby's Company.

After the Revolution, he lived in Saratoga, New York, and then in Western, Oneida County, New York, of which place he was a resident when he was allowed pension on his application executed December 12, 1822.

It is not stated that soldier was ever married.

In 1832, Jacob Wiggins' brother, Anning Wiggins, was aged sixty five years and resided in Western, New York, and in 1833, his brother, George Wiggings, was aged sixty-five years and resided in Malta Saratoga, County, New York. There are no further data as to family.