

Pension Application for Jacob Yates

W.20141 (Widow: Elizabeth. Jacob died 21 November 1831, [Schaghticoke, age 77.])
State of New York
Rensselaer County SS.

On this fourth day of February Eighteen hundred and forty, personally appeared before the undernamed Justice of the Peace of the town of Lansingburgh County and State aforesaid John Vanantwerp a resident of the town of Scaticook county aforesaid aged Eighty years who being duly sworn according to law, testifies and says that he is Pensioner of the Revolutionary War. That he was well acquainted with Jacob Yates in Colonel Knickerbockers (1) Regt under Captain Walter Groesbeck's (2) Company from the year 1776 up to the time of the appointment of Peter Yates (3) as Col. of the said Regiment at which time the said Jacob served as Ensign and Lieutenant at which time this deponent served in said company as Corporal & Sergeant and that after the appointment of Col. Yates, the said Jacob was Lieutenant and Captain until the close of the war. During which time I was often called out on duty under the said Jacob when Capt. And also with him in the said Groesbeck's Comp'y—and went to Fort Edward—Palmertown—Balstown—Ticonaroga [sic] and Crown Point—and further the said Jacob was often on duty when I was not with him—further testifies that he well knows of the said Jacob was out with his team different times, was twice to Montreal twice to Ticonaroga & often to lake George & Fort Edward and that the whole time he was out with his team would be two months—and further testify that by reason of the lapse of time old age and loss of memory cannot recollect all the different tours or length of time that I was out under the said Jacob Yates when the said Jacob was Ensign Lieutenant & Captain but that he did serve as long as this deponent when in the Two Regiments aforesaid, which was Thirteen Months as will more fully appear by the affidavit of this deponent made at the time of obtaining his pension—This deponent further testifies that he was well acquainted with Elizabeth Yates, decest the wife of the said Jacob Yates decest [deceased] and have been for seventy years and upwards. And that the applicants Cornelius, Christopher and Peter Yates, and Elizabeth Yates the wife of and administratrix of Abraham Yates decest and Mariah Yates, Anthony and Sarah Kittle whose names was Mariah and Sarah Yates before marriage now applying for the pension for the services of their Farther [father] the aforesaid Jacob Yates, in the Revolutionary War an[d] the lawful Heirs and Children of the said Jacob & Elisabeth aforesaid decest—as testified to by them in their application aforesaid. (Signed with his mark) John Vanantwerp

Sworn and Subscribed to this fourth day of February Eighteen hundred and Forty. Andrew Follet, Justice of the Peace.

Reply to inquiry for information; letter dated February 13, 1913.

In reply to your letter dated the 6th and received the 7th instant you are advised that from the papers in the claim. Wid. File No. 20,141, Rev. War, it appeared that Jacob Yates was appointed an Ensign in Walter N. Groesbeck's company, Colonel John Knickerbockers' regiment New York Militia, October 20, 1775; a second Lieut. In Colonel Peter Yates' regiment. June 22, 1778, and a Captain in the same regiment March 4, 1780, and served to the close of the war.

He married at Schaghticoke, Rensselaer County, New York, June 20, 1776, Elizabeth VanDenbergh and died at said place November 21, 1831, in his seventy-seventh year. She died at the same place, February 9, 1838, aged eighty-one years.

Their children were: Cornelius, Christopher, Maria Anthony, Sarah Kittle, Elisabeth widow of Abraham Yates, and Peter.

The claim which was due on account of soldier's services, was allowed on an application executed January 24, 1840.

A careful search of the Revolutionary War records fails to show a claim for pension or bounty land on file for any soldier named Peter Yates.

End Notes—Jacob Yates W.20141

1. John Knickerbocker was the Colonel of the Fourteenth Regiment of Albany County Militia.
2. Walter N. Groesbeck was the Captain of the Second Company in the Fourteenth Albany Regiment.
3. Peter Yates was appointed the Colonel of the Fourteenth Albany Regiment on June 22, 1778.
4. Jacob was appointed Ensign on October 20, 1775 in Captain Groesbeck's Company. He was appointed Second Lieutenant on June 22, 1778 in Captain Groesbeck's Company. Jacob was appointed Captain on March 4, 1780 as Captain Groesbeck declined to be re-appointed.