

Pension Application for Jonathan Yeomans

R.11938

Declaration. In order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress³ passed June 7th 1832.

On this Twelfth day of March – one thousand eight hundred and thirty six— personally appeared before Abraham B. Stephens—one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas of the county of Rockland Jonathan Yowmans [sic] a resident of Clarkstown County of Rockland and State of New York, aged 72, Seventy two 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, as a stone cutter the first week in April 1779 at Haverstraw Orange County, now Clarkstown Rockland County and worked to the 28th of August then next ensuing, at which time he arrived at the age of sixteen years, and was then enrolled as a private in a company of Militia commanded by Captain Jacob Onderdonk, but was ordered by his Captain to continue the stone cutting business, during the remainder part of the season and did so continue to December following at which time he was dismissed by George Lindsay the foreman of the Stone cutters.

In the spring of 1780 he again commenced stone cutting the first of April by Order of Capt'n Jacob Onderdonk and worked three months, at which time there being a supply of Stone, he was ordered by his Captain to join the company to perform military duty, which order he obeyed, and did perform the duty required of him by guarding at the different landing places along the Hudson river, between Stoney point and the stone in Orange town, to prevent the landing of the enemy, he was dismissed from further duty by his capt'n during the winter season the middle of November.

In the spring of 1781 he again Joined his former company under Capt' Jacob Onderdonk, for a short time, the length of time deponent cannot distinctly recollect but believes it was three months, he then joined the company of Capt'n John Garner, the remainder part of the season;, and was dismissed on the first of December following the duty performed was guarding along the shore of Hudson river between Stoney point & Nyack.

In the spring of 1782 he again joined the company of Capt'n Jacob Onderdonk the first of May and served to middle of November guarding as before between Stoney Point and the State in the Town of Orange, he was dismissed by the Capt'n from further duty, with an order however, to help himself in readiness should his services be required.

The whole period of time which he served except the time he was employed cutting stone, and the time he served under Capt'n Garner, he was a private in the company of Captain Jacob Onderdonk Colonel Hays Regiment.

That he has no documentary evidence to refer to that when discharged by his officers during winter, it was a verbal discharged and deponent does not recollect, that a written discharge was at any time given to a private by officers by whom he was commanded.

And deponent further declares that he did not at any time while performing that above related services nor has he at any time since, receive any remuneration therefor.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except he present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any state.

Also that he was unable to appear in open court to make the above declaration.
(Signed) Jonathan Yeomans

Sworn and subscribed the 12th day of March 1836. Abm B. Stephens, one of the Judges of Rockland County.