

Pension Application for Jacob Annis

W.387 (Widow: Deborah)

State of New York

Ontario County SS

On this thirteenth [thirtieth] day of April 1818 before me Stephen Phelps one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas for the said County appears Jacob Annis aged 57 years Resident in the Town of Lavonia in the County aforesaid who being by me first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the late act of Congress Entitled an act to provide for Certain Persons engaged in the Land and Navel [Naval] Service of the United States in the Revolutionary War.

That he the said Jacob Annis enlisted in Newbury in the State of Massachusetts for three years service in the Company Commanded by Captain Ebenezer Fry in the first Massachusetts Regiment Commanded by Col. Vose in the Spring of 1780 and that he continued to serve in the Service of the United States until the Spring or Summer of 1783 when he received an honorable discharge at West Point in the State of New York and that he was in the battle of White Plains at Kings Bridge and at the taking of Cornwallis and stands in need of the assistance of his Country for support and that having lost his discharge he has no other evidence now in his Power of his Said Services. (Signed with his mark) Jacob Annis

Sworn to and declared the day and yea aforesaid before me. Stephen Phelps.

Letter in file dated March 28, 1935, written in response to an inquiry.

The data contained herein are obtained from the papers on file in the Revolutionary War claim for pension, W.387, based upon the military service of Jacob Annis in that war.

The date and place of birth and the names of the parents of Jacob Annis are not shown.

Jacob Annis was in the battle of White Plains, date of this enlistment, length of service, and names of officers not stated. He enlisted in the spring of 1780, in Newbury, Massachusetts, served as private in Captains Ebenezer Fry's Luke Hitchcock's, Jesse Hollister's Silvanus Smith's Companies, Colonel Joseph Vose's First Massachusetts Regiment; was in the battle of King's Bridge, the taking of Cornwallis and was discharged at the close of the war in 1783.

He was allowed pension on his application executed April 30, 1818 at which time he was aged about fifty-seven years and a resident of Livonia, Ontario County, New York.

He died November 14, 1841, in Ellery, Chautauqua County, New York.

Soldier married November 18, 1804, or 1806, at the home of John Underhill and his wife, Esther, in Avon, Livingston County, New York, Deborah Underhill, her maiden name not shown. She was the widow of William Underhill, date and place of his death not stated. Said William Underhill was a brother of the above named John Underhill, who was living in 1854.

Soldier's widow, Deborah Annis, was allowed pension on her application executed May 30, 1853 at which time she was aged sixty-seven years, and a resident of Ellery, New York. In 1854 she was living in Eaton Rapids Township, Eaton County, Michigan.

In 1820 soldier's family consisted of the following, in addition to his wife; his daughter Polly; Eliza; his son Underhill; his daughter Nabby; Deborah; his son Wright; William; Morris; they were aged respectively, fifteen, twelve, eleven, eight, six, four and two years and the last named, five months.

In 1854, George W. Annis, a son of soldier and Deborah, made affidavit in Eaton County, Michigan, his age not shown. There are no further family data.