

### **Pension Application for James J. Blauvelt**

W.5838 (Widow: Rachel) Married January 9, 1790, James died May 18, 1842.

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Declaration.

State of New Jersey

Bergen County SS.

On this thirty first day of October 1832, personally appeared in open court, before the Judges of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas for the county of Bergen, now sitting James Blauvelt a resident of Franklin in the County of Bergen and State of New Jersey aged sixty eight 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.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers, and served as herein stated.

That he was born at Clarkstown in the County of Rockland and State of New York on the 27<sup>th</sup> day of November 1763, being a twin brother of Abraham Blauvelt as appears by the family record of his father Isaac Blauvelt deceased, all of which is entered in the church record of Clarkstown—that he resided with his uncle Cornelius Henyon in the town of Hempstead and county of Rockland when he first entered the service of the United States as a volunteer—

That in the month of June 1779 he entered the service of the United States and performed two months service under Capt. Van Houten at which time he was stationed at Haverstraw and in the neighborhood of Stoney [Stony] Point the British and Refugees having possession of the Fort during part of the time & that he performed two months service under Capt. Demarest at which time they were stationed at the new Bridge in Bergen County in the State of New Jersey—that he performed two months service under Capt. John Huyler during which they were stationed at Closter, New Jersey—That he performed one month's service under Capt Board at Hackensack, New Jersey.

That he performed three months service under Capt. Antwater at Hackensack, all of which he thinks was performed during the year 1779 & the commencement of the year 1780—and in the spring of the year 1780 he enlisted in the nine months service under Capt Thomas Blanck, Major Goetchies commanding the battalion and served out the period of his enlistment during which they were stationed at Scranlenbury, Closter and on the Hudson River—that he performed three months service under Capt. John Huyler, stationed at Closter, New Jersey.—That he also performed three months service under Capt. Thomas Blanck stationed at the same place.

That he also performed three months service under Capt. Abraham Haring and two months under Capt. John Huyler all of which was at Closter, New Jersey and thinks it was in the year 1781 or 1782—That he performed two months service under Capt. Peter Ward stationed at Hackensack.—

That he was in the service of the United States during the Revolutionary War at various times and places (in all) not less than four years, but in consequence of his memory being so much impaired by his age and infirmities is unwilling to particularize further than above stated that during his said service he was in several battles and skirmishes viz—he was in the engagement with the refugees under the command of Capt Blanck and Huyler at which time he assisted in retaking a large drove of horned cattle & sheep, and killed one of their party in the neighborhood of Closter, New Jersey.—That he was also one of the party that succeeded in making prisoner of John Berry the Refugee Regular who had been advertised as an outlaw for the several murders and depredations he had committed and that the same party succeeded in taking five other refugees prisoners at the same time two of whom died of their wounds.

That he was also in an engagement with the refugees at a place then called the Liberty Pole in the County of Bergen when they succeeded in taking about 150 head of horned cattle and in which

engagement he received a severe wound which fractured the bone of his right arm and consequently was confined for three months.

That he was also engaged in a party of refugees in the mountains near the Hudson River at which time took one prisoner.

That he was also engaged with the enemy near Hoboken on the Hudson River—that he was also in an engagement with the refugees at which time the enemy succeeded in burning several houses in Scranlenbury one of which was the resident of Major Goetchins—

The principal officers of the Continental Army which he recollects of seeing during his said service are Genls Washington, LaFayette, Putnam, Sullivan & Wayne the principal field officers under whom he served that he can now particularly name are Co. Tunis Deyo, Major Goetchins, and Adjutant Bricker or Bleecker—

That at the close of the war he returned to Tappan in the State of New Jersey, where he continued to reside about ten or twelve years & then removed to the township of Franklin in Beyer County, where he has continued to reside to the present time.

That he has no documentary evidence and knows of no other persons (easily obtained) except his brother Abraham Blauvelt and Daniel VanHorn who were fellow soldiers and belonged to the same company doing duty a portion of the same time and whom affidavits are hereunto annexed.

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 of the United States. (Signed) James J. Blauvelt

Sworn to and subscribed in open court the day and year first aforesaid. Abr. Westervelt, Clerk