

Pension Application for Jesse Close

R.2056

State of New York

WestChester County SS.

On this twenty[?] day of January in the year 1833 personally appeared before me Ezra Lockwood Esq. one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas of the County of West Chester and State of New York Jesse Close aged seventy three years, who being first duly sworn 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 under the following named officers and served as herein stated that he was enrolled in the Militia company (as a private) under the command of Jesse Truesdle 1st Lieutenant Doolittle Christian name not recollected in Colonel Thomas Thomas's Regiment in the County of West Chester.

Declarant then lived in Salem now called North Salem in said County that he served in said Company until a new Regiment was found from Colonel Thomas's Regiment and Colonel Drake's Regiment Thaddeus Crane received a Commission as Lieutenant Colonel of the new Regiment this as aforesaid formed and took the command thereof.

That Capt Jesse Truesdle's company to which declarant belonged was attached to the said Regiment that Colonel Crane continued to command the regiment aforesaid & Capt Truesdle the company from the year 1779 when Colonel Crane received his commission until the peace of 1783. As Salem so called at that time was situated in the vicinity of the Brittish [sic] ports after they took possession of New York the inhabitants of the county of West Chester were kept in a state of constant alarm, that Capt Truesdle's Company was very often ordered, into service & often times the whole Regiment to repel the aggressors of the Brittish and guard the Inhabitants of the county against the incursions of Brittish Cavalry and protect them from the depredations of the Rangers who patrolled the County by day & by night for the purpose of plundering.

This declarant further states that he did duty generally on these occasions with the Company & Regiment under the command of the above named officers and he states that it is impossible for him now to recollect all the tours of duty he performed or the length of each tour; he however remembers distinctly two tours at a place called Crumpond in said county for three weeks, Colonel Samuel Drake then being the commanding officer at that station the occasion of assembling troops at that place was on occasion as he believes of the appearance of several Brittish ships of War in the Hudson River above New York. The other at North Castle in said County for three weeks also; on this occasion Colonel Crane commanded the Regiment and Captain Truesdale the company. The other tours of duty or service were of shorter duration he however fully believes that while the Regiment was under the command of Colonel Thomas he was in actual service or bound to service the full tour of six months having been called into service by order, either of the Captain or Colonel and dismissed by them.

And the further declares that after Colonel Crane took command of the Regiment, this declarant then being a Sarjeant a pay roll was made out for the services of both the officers and privates under his command for the time of his taking the command to the close of the war and certificates were given afterwards according to the time of service; that his certificate for services as thirty six pound ten shillings which allowing his pay as Sargeant to have been Nine dollars per month as he supposes was the case will make ten months service without the fraction giving a claim for services rendered the country in the War of the Revolution of at least sixteen months.

And the declarant further states that he has no other documents to refer to as documentary evidence of his services other than the annexed papers. That is to say.

1st Col Crane's Commission

2d orders for ammunition for his regiment.

3d Capt Truesdell's Warrant to Declarant.

4th A list of the names of individuals to whom Certificates for services in the war af'said.

And this declarant saith that he knows of no person who can testify to his services. (Signed)
Jesse Close

Sworn to and Subscribed this 28th day of January 1833 before me. Ezra Lockwood one of the
Judges of Westchester County.