

Pension Application for Joshua Gregory

S.8625

State of New York

County of Putnam SS.

On this seventh day of February in the year 1833 personally appeared before the Court of Common Pleas of the said County of Putnam Joshua Gregory a resident of the town of Carmel in the said County of Putnam aged eighty years the 9th day of September last, 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 July 1776 the declarant enlisted & went as a volunteer under Capt. Ebenezer Robinson the lieutenants were Nathaniel Scribner & Isaac Townsend and went with the company to Peekskill in Westchester County at that time the county being alarmed on account of three British frigates coming up the river (to wit) the Roebuck, Pheonix & Rose—

The declarants at this time served five days part of the time at Peekskill and part of the time on Constitution Island nearly opposite West Point; that he was then discharged but had no written discharge.

On the 8th of October 1776 the declarant enlisted for three months under Capt. Nathaniel Scribner in a company of Rangers, Joseph Field was lieutenant they were mustered in the town now south east at one [moth—month?] Col John Field was muster master. The service of the company was to detect tories & carry them to the Committee of Safety at Fishkill. The declarant does not recollect of but one field officer, that one was Major Melancton Smith.

This service was performed principally in the south part of Dutchess County (now Putnam County) until the month of December 1776 then the company was ordered to Pines Bridge in Westchester County to which place he went with said company by the way of Peekskill, the company joined the battalion at Pine's bridge from Pines bridge went to North Castle & from there to Bedford in said Westchester County & was then discharged on the 8th of January 1777 but had no written discharge—

That in March 1777 the declarant was called out as militiaman on account as the declarant understood upon an alarm on account of the British having landed at Peekskill. The declarant went to Peekskill with Capt. Nathaniel Scribner and after serving at this time near Peekskill five days he the declarant was discharged but that he had no written discharge.

In April 1777 the declarant was called out on an alarm in Capt. Nathaniel Scribner's Company of militia the alarm was on account of the British landing & proceeding to Danbury at the time the British did burn Danbury, the company went to Redfield in Connecticut before it came near the British forces & then followed them on to near the sound where the British went about the term of service at this time was as much as four days.

In June 1777 the company of militiamen under Capt. Scribner was called out with Col. Henry Ludington's regiment to Peekskill as the declarant understood because the British was expected up the Hudson River. The declarant was then in service at least seven days—was discharged but had no written discharge.

In July 1777 about the middle of July on account of another alarm was called out in said Capt Scribner's company in said Col. Ludington's regiment and when again to Peekskill the regiment where I was with them lay about 4 miles from Peekskill Village. The service that the declarant performed at this time was ten days.

In or about August 1777, the declarant enlisted into a company commanded by Capt. Elijah Townsend for the term of three months that Col. Henry Luddington commanded the regiment to which Capt Townsend's company was attached that he served part of his time on the lines in Westchester County until the news came that Burgoyne was taken directly after news the said Regiment went to Fishkill the regiment staid at Fishkill but a few days then it was back to Crompond in Westchester County by the redmills, staid near Crompond till about the time of three months had elapsed, the declarant & eight others, Jonathan Hopkins the sergeant took charge of some prisoners to convey them to Poughkeepsie, with the directions that our times should be out upon the delivery of said prisoners as aforesaid, our three months having fully expired & the regiment was discharged so that some got home of the regiment before the declarants.

In June 1779 the British come up the Hudson river & landed at Van Plank's point in Westchester County & took the block house which caused an alarm. Capt Nathaniel Scribner's company with & in Col. Henry Ludington's regiment were called to Fishkill the declarant being in said company & from there marched down to Capt. Haight's in the Highlands thence were ordered to the scrub oaks in Westchester. The declarant was with the said regiment as a militia man all this term which was not less than the period of two week[s] who was there discharged with the regiment, but no written discharge.

In March 1781 that Capt David Merick's company of Militia in Col. Henry Ludington's regiment was called out to search the mountains in their neighborhood to search for the tory or british [sic] robbers who had robbed Mr. Jay (the father of John Jay afterwards governor of New York) which Mr. Jay had, had [sic] Plate stolen by the robbers as aforesaid as was said that that time, the declarant Y the regiment went through the mountains in search of the robbers for several days.

That the declarant in all the preceding cases went as a volunteer in the militia. That he has no documentary evidence of his services & never had any that he was regularly discharged but had no written discharge.

I hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declare that my name is not on the Pension roll of the agency of any state.

He further declares on his oath aforesaid in answer to the interrogatories propounded by the court that he was born as he has been informed in within what is now Carmel & has lived there always except about 6 mo. Born the 9th day of September 1752.

That he has no record of his age except what he made himself. That he has never lived more than three miles from where he no[w] lives at no time of his life—That he went always as a volunteer altho he served in the militia, that Melancton Smith who was a major was the highest officers that the declarant recollects & knows of no other officers higher only those stated in proceeding declaration. That he never received any written discharge. That the persons in his neighborhood who can testify as to his character for veracity & belief of his services are Reuben Lansing, William Drew & the [?] (Signed) Joshua Gregory

Sworn to and subscribed in open court the 7th day of February 1833.
Morehouse clerk of said Court. John Waner

Letter in folder dated November 28, 1938, written in response to an inquiry.

Reference is made to your request for information relative to Joshua Gregory of Carmel, New York, who received a pension for service in the Revolutionary War.

The data which follow were obtained from papers on file in the pension claim S.8625, based on the military service of Joshua Gregory.

He was born September 9, 1752, in Carmel, Putnam County, New York. The names of his parents are not shown.

He enlisted and served at various times during the years 1776, 1777, 1779 and 1781, amounting in all to seven months and eighteen days, as private with the New York troops in Captains Ebenezer Robinson's Nathaniel Scribner's, Elijah Townsend's and David Merrick's companies in Colonel Henry Luddington's regiment.

He was allowed pension on his application executed February 7, 1833, at which time he was living in Carmel, New York, where he had always lived with the exception of about six months.

There are no data relative to soldier's family.