

Pension Application for Jabez Holmes

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State of New York

Albany County SS.

On this first day of October 1833 personally appeared before me the Subscriber a Judge of the County Courts of the County of Albany Jabez Holmes a resident of the town of Bern in the County of Albany Jabez Holmes a resident of the town of Bern in the County of Albany in the State of New York aged (this day) 79 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 provision made by the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

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

He first entered the said service at the town of New Canaan now in the County of Columbia in the State of New York in the month of June 1776 a volunteer and joined Capt George Darowin's Company of Militia for the term of five months and was immediately marched to Albany, then to Fort Edward up the Hudson's river and from there to Lake George and was there engaged in building a Fort a short time and was then ordered together with the said company back to Fort Edward, and was there stationed and kept guard until late in the summer, and was then marched to Fort Ann and was there engaged in making a road from Fort Edward to Fort Ann, a short time, and was then marched to Skeensborough and staid but a short time, and was then ordered back to Fort Ann with some boats, and then down to Fort Edward, where he staid with the said company until the Army arrived, then marched with the Army to Lansingburgh, where he staid—short time and was then marched back to Fort Miller and was then marched back to Fort Miller and was there stationed kept guard and assisted in constructing a road until his term of Five Months expired and was discharged in the month of November 1776 having served at this time five months as a private soldier, he belonged during this tour to the forces under the command of Genl Schuyler, but he does not recollect the name of the Colonel who commanded the regiment he was attached to.

He again entered the said service at New Canaan aforesaid about the first of May 1779 the militia having been classed and he went for his class for the term of one month, and joined Capt. Beebe's Company of Militia in Colonel Watermans' regiment, and was immediately marched to Saratoga and was there stationed and kept guard until the term of one month expired and was dismissed in the month of June 1777 having served as a private soldier one month.

He was in the actual service of the United States in the actual service of the United States in the revolutionary war and served as a private soldier in an embodied Corps. Six Months and for such service he claims a pension.

He was a record of his age in his family Bible now in his house. He resided at New Canaan aforesaid when he was called into the said service.

He first entered the said service as a volunteer, the militia having been called upon to furnish a certain number of men either by drafts or volunteers—He next entered the service and went for a class the militia having been classed to furnish a certain number of men.

Capt Van Es, Genl Schuyler and other officers whose names he cannot recollect were with the troops where he served but he cannot remember what Continental or Militia regiments he served with.

He never received a written discharge at the expiration of each term of service he was merely dismissed.

He has no documentary evidence of his services.

He is known to Daniel Fisher, Henry Joslin, Henry Rosekarans, Sylvester Ford Esr., Charles Loupough June [Junior], John Joslin, Deliverance Smith, Henry Stalker, Ruel Phillips & others who reside in his present neighbourhood and who can testify to his character for veracity and their belief of his services as a soldier of the revolution.

He resides 18 miles from the City of Albany where the courts of record for the County of Albany are held, is very consumptive and has a bad cough and is wholly unable to travel that distance to attend the court.

He has used every exertion in his power to procure witnesses to prove his services in the Revolutionary War by sending to his former residence and other places where he supposed witnesses could be found and can procure none and witnesses to prove his services cannot be had or found.

He left Plainfield Connecticut at the age of about six years and went to Canaan aforesaid, where he resided until he was 40 years of age, and then removed to Westerlo Albany County and from there to the town of Bern aforesaid where he has lived for the last three years.

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 state. (Signed) Jabez Holmes

Sworn to and subscribed this day and year aforesaid before me. B. B. Moore
Judge of Albany County Courts.