

Pension Application for Nicholas Joralemon or Jeralemon

S.23279

State of New York
Albany County SS.

On this 4th day of November 1833 personally appeared before the Justices Court of the City of Albany (being a court of record) now sitting Nicholas Joralemon a resident of the City of Albany in the County of Albany and State of New York, aged on the 27th day of April last eighty six 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 of June 7, 1832.

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

In the year 1777 I was appointed a Captain of a Company of Militia in the place of Matthew Visscher (1) Who declined the office—I then resided in Albany and my company also resided there—I was first chosen by the men and their choice was confirmed by Col. Jacob Lansing who directed me to take the command of the company but I had no regular commission as such Captain until the 4th day of April 1778 (2) when I received a commission as Captain from Governor George Clinton—which commission or such parts there of so are not worn out I now have in my possession. I took command of said company as a captain sometime in the spring of the said year 1777—before this time I had acted as a Lieutenant in said company—I do not recollect the month that I took the command as Captain but I am very confident it was in the Spring of 1777—Soon after I took the command of such company, about a month afterwards, I was ordered by Col. Jacob Lansing to go with my company to Lake George according to the best of my recollection, it was about the first of June, that we were ordered to go to Lake George—we did accordingly march from Albany to the head of Lake George, passing on our way through Half Moon, Stillwater by or near Fort Miller and Fort Edward we then joined our regiment commanded by Col. Jacob Lansing & Major Abraham Cuyler (3)—The Sergeant Major of the Regiment was James Williams—We were under the command of Genl Schuyler as commanding General—Genl Ten Broeck (4) was our militia General who was at Fort Edward. We were there about three weeks and were then discharged & returned home—I was engaged in this tour of duty as a Captain of said Company not less than four weeks including going & returning.—

2. In the same year to wit 1777, I was again ordered into the service with my company by Col. Jacob Lansing – We marched from Albany to Fort Edward—The whole of our regiment was there—and I believe the whole Brigade commanded by Genl Ten Broeck. Genl Schuyler (5) was our commander in chief at that time according to the best of my recollection we left Albany on this occasion in July, we remained at Fort Edward about three weeks and then were discharged & returned home—I was engaged in this tour of duty as a captain of said company of Militia not less than four weeks including going & returning.

3. We remained home about a fortnight or three weeks & then again received orders from Col. Jacob Lansing to go to Saratoga with my Company—I immediately marched from Albany with my company to Saratoga-- & joined my regiment there. The regiment was still commanded by Col. Lansing & Major Cuyler—Genl Ten Broeck the Genl of our Brigade was also there we continued in the service at Saratoga about two weeks and then were discharged & returned to Albany – I was engaged on this last mentioned tour of duty as Captain of said company not less than three weeks including going & returning.—

4. We remained at home about two weeks and I was again ordered with my company by Col. Lansing to go to Stillwater and join the army—This was according to the best of my recollection about the middle of September—We accordingly marched from Albany to Stillwater & joined our regiment there—Still under the command of Col. Lansing & Major Cuyler, I also recollect that Genl Ten Broeck was there at that time. I recollect that our regiment was reviewed by him several times—I think Genl Schuyler still had the command of the Army—I continued at Stillwater with my company about three weeks and we were then discharged & returned home—I was engaged on this last mentioned tour of duty as Captain of said company of Militia, not less than four weeks including going & returning—we were not ordered into actual service again that campaign but still continued in the command of said company at home.

5. In the early part of the summer of the year 1778 I was ordered into the service again with my company. I was ordered by Major Abraham Cuyler to go to Schoharie—I accordingly marched with my company from Albany to Schoharie on my way there we crossed the Helleburgh Mountains when we arrived there we were quartered in the Stone Meeting House in the village of Schoharie—This was before the village was burnt—I think the greater part of our regiment called the Albany regiment was there—I recollect Captain Bleecker, Capt. Yates, & Capt. Hun (6) companies were there—we remained there upwards of three weeks and was then discharged & returned home to Albany—I was engaged in this last mentioned tour of duty as Captain of the said company of Militia not less than four weeks including going and returning.—

6. After remaining at home about three weeks I was again ordered into the service with my company by Major Cuyler—We were ordered to go to Fort Hunter up the Mohawk. I accordingly marched with my company

from Albany to Fort Hunter passing through Schenectady, Major Cuyler was there—and I think he had the command of the troops there—there was no general officers there that I recollect—We remained there about two weeks & were then discharged & returned home to Albany—I was engaged on this tour of duty as captain of said company not less than two weeks & four days including going and returning—We returned home from Fort Hunter about the middle of August.

7. About the first of October in the same year 1778 I was again ordered into the service with my company by Major Abraham Cuyler—We marched from Albany to Stone Arabia – Our regiment was then under the command of Col. Lansing & Genl TenBroeck was our commanding General—after being there about one month we were discharged & I returned home with my company, I was engaged in this tour of duty as a Captain not less than one month.—

8. Shortly after my return from Stone Arabia I was again ordered into the service by Col. (Formerly Major) Cuyler—I went with my company to Schoharie & was stationed at the Middle Fort—Major Price (7) was our Major at this time—I remained there about three weeks—we were discharged in December and returned home—I served on this tour as Captain not less than three weeks.

9. In the year 1779 in the Month of July I was again ordered into the service with my company by Col. Cuyler—We marched from Albany to Fort Plain on the Mohawk river where we were stationed. Genl Van Rensselaer (8) & Col. Wemple (9) were there—Genl Van Rensselaer was our commander & Col. Wemple was second in command—I remained there about a month and was then discharged and returned to Albany with my company. I served on this tour as Captain (10) not less than one month.

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 any State.

To the Interrogatories put to me by the Court, I answer as follows.

1. I was born in Belleville New Jersey in the year 1747, in the month of April.
2. I have no record of my age—But I believe there is a record of my age in my Father's Bible—But where it is I cannot state.

3. I resided in the City of Albany where I was called into the service—Since the revolutionary War I have always lived either in the City of Albany or in the Town of Bethlehem—and now live in said city.

4. I was ordered into the service by my Colonel or Major I am not a substitute.

5 & 6. I refer to my preceding declaration for an answer to those interrogatories.

7. I am known to Garrit Y. Lansing Esq. Member of Congress, Martin Van Buren, Vice Prest of the U S. States & many other respectable citizens who would as I believe certify & testify to my character for veracity and their belief of my services as a soldier of the revolution. (Signed) Nicholas Joralemon.

Sworn to and subscribed in open court this 4th November 1833. John G. Watson, Clk.

Letter of reply to an inquiry for information, dated January 18, 1918.

In response to your letter dated the 13th instant, you are advised that it appears from the papers in the Revolutionary War pension claim of Nicholas Joralemon, S.F. No. 23279, that he was born April 27, 1747, at Belleville, New Jersey, and while residing at Albany, New York, enlisted in 1776 and served at various times as Private, Sergeant, Lieutenant, and Captain in Colonels Jacob Lansing and Abraham Cuyler's Regiment of Albany County, New York militia until 1782.

He was allowed pension on an application executed June 27, 1832, while a resident of Albany, New York.

There is no data on file as to his family.

End Notes—S.23279—Nicholas Joralemon

1. Matthew Visscher was the First Lieutenant in Captain Thomas Barret's Second Company in Colonel Jacob Lansing Jr's First Regiment of Albany County Militia.
2. Nicholas Jeroliman Capt., Isaac Lansing, Jun'r 1st Lieut., Bernardus Halenbeck 2d Lieut., William Hilton Junr, Ensign (April 4, 1778) in Colonel Lansing's Regiment. FROM: Minutes of the Council of Appointment, April 4, 1778-May 3, 1779, New York Historical Society, 1925, Vol. II, Page 9.
3. Abraham Cuyler served as second major and on March 3, 1780, he was appointed colonel as Lansing had resigned.
4. Brigadier General Abraham TenBroeck.
5. Major General Philip Schuyler.
6. Captains John N. Bleecker, Abraham I. Yates, and William Hunall of Colonel Lansing's Regiment.
7. Major John Price of Colonel Cuyler's Regiment. Captain Price was promoted to major when Cuyler was promoted to colonel.
8. Robert VanRensselaer was Colonel of the Eighth Regiment of Albany County Militia. He was not appointed Brigadier General until June 16, 1780.
9. Abraham Wemple was the Colonel of the Second Regiment of Albany County Militia.

10. Captain Joraleman gives no other military service after 1779. The reason for this is the following March 26, 1781, Council of Appointments, John Scott, Captain of the company formed out of Abr'm I. Yates' (resigned) and Jeroliman's (Cashiered) Companys. Thomas Hun, Jr., 1st Lieutenant; Richard Hilton, 2d Lieutenant; John Bogart, Ensign. FROM: Documents Relating to the Colonial History of the State of New York, ed. Bertold Fernow, Vol. XV, State Archives, Vol. I, Albany, N.Y., Weed, Parsons and Company, Printers 1887, p. 262. On page 733, Vol. VI of the Public Papers of George Clinton, First Governor of New York is a letter referring consolidating three companies into two companies in the City of Albany Regt., one being Captain John Scott and Captain Jacob Roseboom.