

Pension Application for Jacob Mandeville

S.23311

State of New York

County of Cayuga SS.

On this 30th day of July in the year 1835, personally appeared in open Court before the Court of Chancery of the said State now sitting for the Seventh Circuit and holden by the Vice Chancellor of the Seventh Circuit, Jacob Mandeville, a resident of the town of Sennett in the County of Cayuga and State aforesaid, aged eighty three years, in April last past, who being first duly sworn according to law, does 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 and served therein as herein after stated, viz.

In the fall of the year 1775, a company of volunteers, was raised in the vicinity of the applicant, who then resided in the County of Orange in the State aforesaid in what was then called New Cornwall and which he believes is now called the town of Cornwall. This applicant volunteered to serve in that company and did serve therein three months at a blockhouse then called Fort Constitution on Constitution Island in the Hudson River near West Point.

The said service commenced about the first of January and terminated the first of April 1776. The said company was commanded by Captain Samuel Raymond, & Lieutenants Richard Langdon and David Reynolds, and was attached to a regiment of Colonel Isaac Nicholas. This applicant served as a private in the said company under arms at the said Fort, for three months successively as above stated, and was then discharged with his company.

In the year 1777, this applicant was called out three times as a militia man to aid in defending Fort Montgomery when threatened by the enemy.

Captain Christian (or Christopher) Vandusen commanded the company then in which the applicant served. At these times the applicant remained only until the temporary alarm was over, and was then discharged. In consequently of old age and loss of memory, he cannot remember the number of days he was under arms at either of these times, but as nearly as he can state it was from a month to six weeks in all.

At another time in the same year he was called out as a militia man to defend Fort Montgomery and with others of his company was on his way to the Fort in a sloop on the [ensuing?] the Fort was taken by the enemy, and when nearly down to the Fort met Capt Malchen (or Malchin) in a boat coming up the River wounded from whom they learned of the capture of the Fort.

They returned up the River across the mountains, leaving the sloop at Buttermilk Falls. The applicants company then was stationed as an advanced post six miles above West Point, three miles in front of Snake Hill, where Gov. George Clinton lay with the forces under his command. He remained there under arms while Sir Henry Clinton & the enemy's army went up the River to meet Burgoyne, and until after they returned down the River- - on their passage down applicant & his company

lay among the rocks on the side of Butter Hill, a mountain projecting into the Hudson River where the river enters what are called the Highlands, and as the enemy passed there being but little wind, and an eddy driving them near to the Hill, fired into their vessels from the Hill with much effect. Was out this time for 3 to 4 weeks.

In the winter following, was called out in like manner three or four times and marched into New Jersey towards New York City to aid in protecting the country and repelling incursions of the enemy.

At one of the times was stationed three weeks at a place called Saddle River now Paramus & while there was under Colonel McCloughry's command. At another time was marched down as far as Hackensack--& believes he was out three weeks then.

One of the times they were discharged in about a week, and at another within a few days from their being called out. The distance from the applicant's home was from thirty to forty miles. The applicant served as a private on these occasions.

At the same period of the war, he as one of the militia men, assisted in building the works at West Point -- & his residence was but six miles from there over the mountains, and whenever there was an alarm of the British forces advancing up the River, the applicant if at home, volunteered and went directly to West Point and remained there on duty till the alarm subsided. He cannot for the reasons aforesaid tell the number of times he did so during the war but they were several. He stayed some of them a week before he was discharged—At one time when at West Point, a General Glover from the East was stationed there.

The applicant was for several months steward to General Gates while lying four miles from Peekskill in Westchester County.

The applicant once took a deserter that was harbored among the tories at the Red Mills twelve miles East of Peekskill & carried him at his own expense to the main army 5 miles below White Plains and delivered him up to his Captain. Asked no compensation for it and received none.

The army at West Point took of the applicants cows, oxen, hogs, and sheep for which he got nothing.

At one time by order of the Commissary the applicant took a draw of 113 cattle from West Point across the River and delivered them to the army at White Plains.

And at another by like order, he went from Newburgh to Albany to draw a large amount of money of Genl Schuyler or Cuyler, and brought the same to the commissary at Newburgh.

The said applicant 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.

To the interrogatories directed to the War Department to be propounded to applicant for a pension on account of service in the militia, State troops or volunteers; the applicant, on the said interrogatories being put to him by the said interrogatories being put to him by the said court, answers as follows:

First—I was born in New Cornwall (in the County of Orange and State of New York, on the 22d day of April in the year 1752.

Second—I had a record of my age—It was in my father's family bible, which I gave to my oldest child when my eyes failed me so I could not read in it. My child who has it lives in Newfield in the County of Tompkins.

Third—I lived in New Cornwall when I went into the service—Since the Revolutionary War, I have resided several years in Walkill & then several years at Smith's Clove in the said County of Orange; from there I came to Milton in Cayuga County (now Lansing in Tompkins County-) and from there I removed about 23 or 24 years since to my present residence where I have lived ever since. That in Sennett, formerly [Bentres?] in the said County of Cayuga.

Fourth—I can remember no other officers with the troops where I served than those I have before named—I have stated the general circumstances of my service above, & the regiments I remember.

Sixth—I never received any written discharge from the service.

Seventh—Many persons in my neighborhood know me & can testify to my character for veracity and their belief of my services as a soldier of the Revolution as Joseph Bacon, Stephen Durnell Esq., Hon. Daniel Sennett, Ezra Leonard, Edward Root, Esqrs., and many others. (Signed) Jacob Mandeville

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year first above written. L. A. Goodwin,
Clerk

Letter in folder dated August 11, 1939, written in response to an inquiry.

Reference is made to your letter in which you request the Revolutionary War record of Jacob Mandeville who was born in Newburgh, Orange County, New York.

The data which follow were obtained from papers on file in pension claim, S.23311, based upon service of Jacob Mandeville, in the Revolutionary War, and is the only pension record found in this office based upon service in that war of a Jacob Mandeville.

Jacob Mandeville was born April 22, 1752, in New Cornwall, Orange County, New York. Names of his parents are not shown.

While a resident of New Cornwall, New York, Jacob Mandeville volunteered about January 1, 1776, served three months as private in Captain Samuel Raymond's company, Colonel Isaac Nicoll's New York regiment; volunteered in 1777, served as private at various times, amounting in all to about three months, a part of which was in Captain Christopher VanDuzer's company, and Colonel McClaughrey's regiment. He had subsequent service and assisted in building the works at West Point. He resided about six miles from there and whenever there was an alarm while he was at home he would volunteer and go directly to West Point, where he would remain on duty until the alarm subsided. For several months he was steward to General Gates in Westchester County.

After the Revolution he resided several years in Wallkill, then several years at Smith's Close (?) in Orange County, New York, then moved to Milton, Cayuga County

(later Lansing, Tompkins County). About 1811 or 1812 he moved to Sennett, Cayuga County, New York and while residing there he was allowed pension on his application executed July 30, 1835.

The name of soldier's wife and date and place of marriage are not shown. In 1835, his oldest child was living in Newfield, Tompkins County (state not show). The name of the child is not shown.

In 1835, soldier's brother, Michael Mandeville, was aged seventy-two years and residing in Lansing, Tompkins County, New York.

No further family data are shown.