

## **Pension Application for Abraham Mays or Maze**

R.7067

Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of act of Congress passed the 7<sup>th</sup> of June 1832.

State of New York

Ulster County SS.

On the fourteenth day of May in the year one thousand eight hundred and thirty four personally appeared before me Henry Wynkoop one of the Judges of the County Courts of the County of Ulster, Abraham Mays a resident of the County of Greene town of Lexington and State of New York aged eighty nine years who being 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 the 7<sup>th</sup> of June 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States and served as herein after stated.

That on or about the first of May in the year 1775 this applicant entered the Military Service of the revolutionary war in the town of Pittsburgh in the State of Pennsylvania [Pennsylvania] as a private soldier In Captain James Wrights Company of Volunteers or rangers Lieutenant Silas Thomas Colonel Wm Crawford & Colonel Stimsons Regiment and the whole army there was commanded by General McIntosh the whole army was about two thousand men that he with the said company and Regiment was stationed in the said Town of Pittsburgh during the summer of 1775 and In the fall went to Fort McIntosh and continued there until sometime in the Summer of 1776 and he with the said Army under the command of Genl McIntosh marched to the Muskingum river and then built a picket fort called Fort Lawrence and continued about one month and was discharged after a service of eighteen months or more received a written discharge and has lost it.

That on or about the first of May he again entered the aforesaid service as a private soldier in a company of Rangers for the term of Six Months in Captain Joshua Wrights Company Lieutenant John Wright.

That he does not recollect any other company engaged in the same service at the same time that he with the said company of about one hundred men first met togheter at Pittsburgh at the Fort remained there about one month then went to Fort McIntosh remained there sometime then marched through the stations in that vicinity scouting almost continually for the protection of the inhabitants in those sections of Country untill in the fall of said year of 1777 or until the end of said term of six months or more and was discharged at Pittsburgh received no written discharge.

That in all the aforesaid service he suffered much hunger and cold and had frequent frequent skirmishes with the Indians that in one of those engagements in the year 1776 near the Muskingum River they had two men killed and this applicant assisted in their buried that in the said campaign they had an engagement in which this applicant was wounded by a ball in his leg, the scars are still to be seen.

That immediately after the last mentioned service he said applicant removed into the County of Westchester in the state of New [York] in the town of North Salem

and was there acquainted with a number of his acquaintance who were in the same service but has since been informed that they are all dead that he now knows of none alive to testify to the above mentioned Services.

That he has been in a number of different services since the above of short periods during the revolutionary war but owing to his extreme old age the lapse of time and the consequent loss of memory he does not recollect any except those stated below viz, that he entered the service of the revolution in the summer of 1775 in Captain Wrights Company Colonel Crawford's Regiment General McIntoshe's Brigade and served at least eighteen months or months or more [sic] as a private soldier.

That in the year 1777, he again entered as aforesaid in Captain Joshua rights [Wrights?] Company for the term of six months or more all of which he positively swears to be true.

And this applicant further declares that the reason he has not made application for a pension and now because he is a poor man and not able to employ a Judge as he resides in a remote part of the County of Greene and in consequence of his bodily infirmity not able to go to the County Court house he was informed that Judge Wynkoop was in the immediate neighborhood in which he lives and within a few rods of the County line and was advised to make application to him.

To the interrogatives prescribed by the war department he answers.

1<sup>st</sup> That he was born in the County of Baltimore in the State of Maryland in the year 1744 in the month of September.

2<sup>nd</sup> That he has no record of his age.

3<sup>rd</sup> That he lived when he entered the service in the town of Pittsburgh in the State of Pennsylvania and also in the town of North Salem in the County of Westchester & State of New York that he has lived—since in the County of Delaware State of New York that he now lives in the town of Lexington County of Greene State of New York.

4<sup>th</sup> That he always volunteered.

5<sup>th</sup> That he knew no other officers except those stated in the aforesaid declaration.

6<sup>th</sup> That he had a written discharge signed by Colonel Crawford—and has lost it.

7<sup>th</sup> That he knows Thomas Smith Past Master Herman Landon Esquire formerly a member of the Legislator and Paul Hathaway Esquire Justice of the Peace all respectable inhabitants residing in this immediate neighborhood and and [sic] who can testify to his character for truth and veracity and their belief of his services as a soldier of the revolutionary war.

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 any agency in any State. [Can't read shaky signature]

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid before me Henry Wynkoop one of the Judges of the County Courts of the County of Ulster.