

Pension Application for Joseph Mosher

S.13977

State of New York

Dutchess County SS.

On this Fifth day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty four personally appeared in open Court before the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in and for the County of Dutchess in the State of New York Joseph Mosher, aged seventy years a resident of the town of Poughkeepsie in the County of Dutchess 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 June 7th 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated; that he was born in the County of Westchester in the State of New York, the town he has forgotten—that he has no record of his age and that for several years back he has ascertained the same only by reference to Thomas W. Jacocks who was born about the same time with this applicant and whose certificate is hereunto annexed.

That in the month of August in the year 1780 he volunteered as a private in the Village of Poughkeepsie in said County of Dutchess for the term of three months and joined the regiment at Fishkill in said County under the command of Colonel Malcomb, that his Captain was Capt. McKinstry, Lieutenant; Lieut. Utley.

That three regiments were then stationed at Fishkill viz: Colonel Malcombs, Col. Dubois' and Col. Graham's; that his regiment remained at Fishkill 8 or 9 days and then proceeded to West Point; that this applicant accompanied the same as a private, that they encamped at West Point and then proceeded to Kingsferry or Stony Point, and encamped there, thence to Haverstraw and encamped there and in the neighborhood about three weeks, and then returned to Fishkill, stayed there about three days and then proceeded to Albany, thence to Schenectady, thence to Fort Plain, where he left his regiment, and volunteered to go to Fort Stanwix; thence proceeded to Fort Herkimer, and volunteered to go to Fort Stanwix; thence proceeded to Fort Herkimer and stayed there until the army came up in pursuit of a detachment of the British that he pursued the British three days; he then returned to Albany & thence to Poughkeepsie where he was discharged but received no written discharges; had then been in the service and had served for the period of three months; that he volunteered for the said term on the same day on which one John C. Browers (whose deposition is to these proceedings annexed) volunteered and was discharged on the same day and at the same place.

That in the following year about the first of March this applicant removed from the County of Dutchess to the County of Ulster on the West side of Hudson's River; that he was shortly afterwards drafted for the term of six months; that he joined a company at Newburgh and proceeded to West-Point; from thence he went to Fishkill landing and was then transferred to another company stationed at Newburgh and served in that neighborhood for the period of five months, but is unable to state the

names of any of his officers during this term, by reason of his having been charged from one company to another and from place to place so frequently during said term, that his memory fails him; that in December following the main army arrived at Newburgh, and this applicant and his comrades were all discharged, but received no written discharges.—That of this last mentioned service this deponent has no documentary evidence, and does not know of any person whose testimony he can procure to corroborate the same.

And this deponent further says that during the service of three months first spoken of in this application, he served in the same company with the above mentioned John C. Brower—that he is known to John L. Myers, Thomas W. Jacocks, and Peter VanKleck all of the said town of Poughkeepsie, who will testify to his character for truth and veracity and their belief of his services as a soldier—that he is well known to the Reverend Cornelius C. Cuyler late pastor of the Reformed Dutch Church in the Village of Poughkeepsie, who as this deponent believes would testify to his character for truth and veracity and a belief of his services in the Revolutionary Army, but that the said Cornelius C. Cuyler has lately removed to the City of Philadelphia, having received a call from a congregation in that place—and this deponent further says that he is not acquainted with any of the other clergymen residing in said town of Poughkeepsie, and also that he is unknown to them.

And this deponent further says that at the time he first entered the service he resided in said town of Poughkeepsie, [Poughkeepsie] and that he has lived there ever since that time to the present.

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 with his mark) Joseph Mosher

Taken and subscribed in open Court February 5th 1834. Henry C. Traver, Clerk