

## **Pension Application for Jacob Parks**

S.9985

State of New York

Dutchess County SS

On this Fifteenth day of February in the year one thousand eight hundred and thirty four personally appeared before Albro Aikin one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas of Dutchess County Jacob Parks a resident of the Town of Dover in the County of Dutchess and State of New York aged seventy seven 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 7<sup>th</sup> 1832.

That he entered in the service of the United States under the following naval officers and served as herein stated that he was born in the Town of Pawlings in the county of Dutchess on the sixth day of march 1757 that he has no record of his age that he was living in the Town of Pawlings aforesaid when called into service and has lived there since the Revolutionary War up until the Town in which he now resides was detached from Pawlings and called Dover.

That since up until this time he has lived in the Town of Dover; that in the latter part of the fall or fore part of the winter of 1775, he enlisted as a Serjeant for seven months voluntarily in Captain Phineas Woodards Company, Mark Williams & Comfort Shaw Lieutenant & Gideon Ousterhout Ensign in the Regiment of New York State Troops commanded by Col. Schenck that he joined his company at Pawlings and marched to Kingsbridge and joined his Regiment under Col. Schenck, and the troops under General Lee that he remained at Kingsbridge and the City of New York doing duty as a serjeant in his Company and Regiment until the term of seven months for which he enlisted expired & that he then returned home just before the battle on Long Island In 1776 that he was discharged from the service by his Captain verbally, that in 1777 he was drafted as a Common soldier in the summer a Captain William Pearces Company of Militia Benjamin Elliott Lieutenant and in Col. Graham's Regiment for no particular period & went to Fishkill and served one month and was verbally discharged & returned home.

That in the month of October 1777 he was again drafted as a common soldier in William Pearse's Company Lieutenant Benjamin Elliott Colonel Graham's Regiment and marched to Foster's Point below Fishkill on the Hudson River and remained and done duty one month and was verbally discharged by his Captain Pearce that in the latter part of the year 1777 in the forepart of the year 1778 he volunteered as a private soldier in Captain James Martin's Company Colonels name forgotten Gen. Scott and marched to Valentine's heights and remained there two months & did duty & was then verbally discharged, that in 1777 or 1778 the year he will not say positive he enlisted as a second serjeant in Captain Pearce company and went to Peekskill & joined Colonel fields Regiment and done duty in said Company & Regiment one & a half months and was verbally discharged that he belonged to the Picket guard at King's ferry under Major Britton Paine and the troops were under general Putnam that he

knew in the service General Putnam, General Lee, Gen Scott, Col Schenck, Col Graham & Colonel John Field and other officers.

That he has no documentary evidence of his service as a soldier of the Revolution and that he knows no persons other than those whose affidavits are annexed by whom he can prove his services as a soldier of the Revolution.

That by means of his old age and infirmity he cannot safely leave home to attend Court, that for the last three months he has been sick & that he is so now & that is the reason of his procuring the attendance of Judge at his house that he is known in his present neighborhood to Leonard Vincent a magistrate & to Thomas Stevens and to Henry Ward and others who can testify to his character for truth and veracity and their belief of his services as a soldier of the Revolution.

He hereby relinquishes every claim to a pension or annuity except the present & declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state. (Signed) Jacob Parks

Sworn to & Subscribed this 15<sup>th</sup> day of February 1834. Abro Akin, one of the Judges of the County Court for said County