

Pension Application for Israel Parshall or Parshal

R.7978

Stte of New York
Wayne County SS.

On this fourteenth day of January in the year 1833 personally appeared before me Thomas P. Baldwin a Judge of Wayne County Courts in the State aforesaid, Israel Parshall a resident of the town of Palmyra in the County and State aforesaid whom I do hereby certify from advanced age and bodily infirmities is unable to attend personally at the Court house of said County for the purpose of making the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7, 1832.

That he was born in the County of Orange in the State of New York in the year 1759 and is not 73 years of age and has no record of his age—

That previous as he thinks about a year before the declaration of American Independence he lived with his father at Loyal Lock State of Pennsylvania and volunteered as a private in a company of Militia of Pennsylvania commanded by Capt. Joseph Newman in a regiment commanded by a Colonel of the name of Martin, of Northumberland in Pennsylvania and with this company was ordered and did accordingly march to a place called the “Big Island” in the west branch of the Susquehannah river about 60 miles above Sunbury and was there stationed to guard and protect the Country against the incursions of the Indians & was there in that service as a Corporal for the term of three months and was then dismissed [from the] the service without receiving and written discharge and he has no documentary evidence of said service.

That he afterwards served in the Spring before Independence was declared in a company of Militia of Pennsylvania under Capt. William Hammond and Col. Martin above mentioned yet – the commandant of the regiment, but was not on either of the above occasions in actual service, and was stationed at Lycoming in Pennsylvania (this deponent volunteered and would not stand a draft) and served at Lycoming aforesaid as a corporal to guard & protect the settlements against the Indians for the term of two months and was dismissed without any written discharge—

The next spring after the declaration of Independence or in the year 1777 this deponent volunteered in a company commanded by Capt. William Hepburn (an Irishman) and was in the service near Sam Wallis’ fort on the Susquehannah about 30 miles up the west branch for the term of nine 9 months—

In the fort at this time there were some continental soldiers but does not recollect the regiment line or names of any of the officers—we were in Sam Wallis’ stone barn for quarters—the Continentals were stationed in the Fort—after heaving of the battle of Wyoming the troops all retreated from Sam Wallis’ stone barn for quarters—the Continentals were stationed in the Fort—

After hearing of the battle of Wyoming the troops all retreated from Sam Wallis’ fort and marched to Sunbury where at the expiration of nine months from the time of this last engagement the company of Militia to which this deponent belonged was

dismissed but no written discharges were given during this last term of 9 months service this deponent was a serjeant in the company in which he served—

Afterwards in the spring of 1778 this deponent again volunteered in a company of Pennsylvania militia, at Sunbury commanded by a Captain whose name he cannot now remember but Col. Heartly commanded the Regiment who afterwards joined Genl Sullivan in his expedition against the Indians and remained under duty at Sunbury as a private nine months and was then discharged without receiving any written discharge—

Some time after this last term of service this deponent removed with his father to the County of Orange in the State of New York, and in the spring of the year 1781 this deponent volunteered as a serjeant at Warwick in Orange County aforesaid in a company of militia commanded by Capt Abraham Westfall and went with twenty other volunteers from Warwick to Shandakin on the Delaware river and then joined a corps of Easter Troops but does not recollect the names of the officers thinks they were composed of drafted men or volunteers from the Easter side of the Hudson's river.

That he does not remember the names of the officers under whom he did duty at Shandakin, but they with this deponent remained there on duty about four months and this deponent with the twenty volunteers who accompanied him returned to Minisink and joined Capt. Westfall there, the Eastern troops parted with them at Marletown, and this deponent continued in service at the Minisink in Orange County untill his term had expired and was discharged without receiving any written discharges or other written evidences of any of the above services they have been lost.

That since the revolutionary war this deponent has lived at Loyal Lock of Wyoming in Pennsylvania and at Palmyra in the State of New York. That he has no knowledge of any living person who could testify of his own knowledge of his said services whose testimony he can procure except his Brother David Parshall, whose affidavit is hereunto annexed—and that he refers to Ambrose Salisbury Esqr, now a member of the house of Assembly of this state, David H. Sherman James Galloway and William Adams, his present neighbors who can testify as to his character for veracity & to the general belief of the neighborhood of his having been a revolutionary soldier—

He was never engaged during the above services in any action as his duty was entirely to protect the frontier settlements against the incursions of hostile Indians—

And 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. Israel Parshall, written by Tho P. Baldwin, at his request, he having the palsey so that he cannot hold a pen.

Sworn to and subscribed this 14th Jany 1833 before me. Tho P. Baldwin, a Judge of Wayne County Courts.

Letter in folder dated June 6, 1931, written in response to an inquiry.

You are advised that it appears from the papers in the Revolutionary War pension claim R.7978, that Israel Parshall (the name also appears as Parshal) was

born in 1759 in Orange County, New York. He father, whose name is not given, was living during the Revolution.

He applied for pension January 14, 1833, while residing in Palmyra, Wayne County, New York, and stated that while residing at Loyalsock, Pennsylvania, he volunteered in 1775, served three months as corporal in Captain Joseph Newman's Company, Colonel Martin's Pennsylvania Regiment and was stationed at Big Island on the west branch of the Susquehanna River; that he again volunteered in 1776, and served two months as a corporal in Captain William Hammond's Company, Colonel Martin's Pennsylvania Regiment and was stationed at Lycoming; and that he enlisted in 1777, served nine months as sergeant in Captain William Hepburn's Company, Colonel Hartley's Pennsylvania Regiment and was stationed at Sam Wallis' fort on the west branch of the Susquehanna River, and that all of the above alleged service was on the frontier protecting the inhabitants from the depredations of the Indians.

He stated that shortly after the termination of the last service, he moved with his father to Orange County, New York, where he enlisted in 1780 and served nine months as a private in Captain Abraham Westfall's Company, Colonel Hathorn's New York Regiment, and that in 1781, he again served another nine months as sergeant in Captain Westfall's New York Company.

His claim was not allowed as he failed to furnish satisfactory proof of the alleged service as was required by the pension laws.

After the Revolution, he resided at Loyalsock, Pennsylvania and at Palmyra, New York.

It is not stated that soldier was ever married.

The Revolutionary War records of this bureau fail to afford any information in regard to Andrew Spear or Speer or John Krysher.