

## **Pension Application for Jacob Persell**

R.8140

State of New York

Montgomery County SS.

On this 19<sup>th</sup> day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty two, personally appeared in open court before the Court of Common Pleas of the county of Montgomery and State of New York, now sitting, Jacob Persell of the Town of Mayfield in the County of Montgomery & State, aforesaid, aged seventy three years, being first 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 7, 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated.

For the year seventy seven this applicant enlisted in the Militia service, under Captain John Garner, a company belonging to Gilbert, Cooper, Colonel, and two Majors Smiths, Regiment, that he was out in the summer of that year & also in the years 80, 81, he this applicant, under another captain by the name of Ackerson, commonly called Acker, again went, that he this applicant, at this time resided at Haverstraw then Orange County, kl& State of New York, now Rockland that he went from his said place of residence to a place called Tappan, somewhere about the City of new York and sometime during those years he remained Harvestraw endeavouring to prevent the British from overrunning the County, that he was out occasionally durint those years and in all at least four months.

And this applicant further says that he also enlisted in the Continental service and served for the term of three months under the command of Captain John Garner in the year 1778, that he went from his said place of residence to Tappan, that he went out in the month of October the day he cannot state that he went to Tappan to guard the lines and has no written discharge, your applicant, says that his drafted, for one year in April in the year 1779, the day of the ;month he cannot state, that he served the full term of one year, under Captain William Cooly, in the Continental line, that he went from his said place of residence to Kings Ferry, and remained to Kings Ferry, and remained there the full term.

Your applicant says that he was born in the year of our Lord 1759, at Haverstraw aforesaid. He has no record of his age. That he resided at Haverstraw aforesaid during the period of the Revolution and has since the Revolution resided at his present place of residence. And he know of no person by whom he can prove all his services. He has never received a discharge.

Your applicant says that he is acquainted with the following persons residing in his neighborhood who can testify as to his character for truth and veracity and their belief of his services as a soldier of the Revolution, to wit, Aaron Seamons & David Knapp.

Your applicant relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and he declare that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state. (Signed) Jacob Persell

Subscribed and sworn in open court the day & year first aforesaid. Geo. D. Ferguson

Letter in folder dated November 8, 1937, written in response to an inquiry.

Reference is made to your letter relative to Jacob Percell, a soldier of the Revolutionary War.

The record of the only Jacob Persell, all spellings of the names searched, that is found on the Revolutionary War records of this office is furnished you herein as found in the claim for pension R.8140, based upon his military service in that war.

Jacob Persell was born in Haverstraw, Orange County, that part which was later called Rockland County, New York, in 1759, day, month, and the names of his parents are not shown.

Jacob Persell applied of pension September 19, 1832, at which time he was a resident of Mayfield, Montgomery County, New York, and stated that while a resident of Haverstraw, New York, he enlisted in the summer of 1777 and served one month as private in Captain John Ackerson's Company, Colonel Hay's New York Regiment; that from the fall of 1777 he served fourteen days as private in Captain John Gardner's Company, Colonels Gilbert Cooper's and Hay's New York Regiment; that from the summer of 1778 he served one month as private in Captain Ackerson's Company, Colonel Hay's New York Regiment; that from the fall of 1778 he served fourteen days as private in Captain Ackerson's Company, Colonel Hay's New York Regiment; that from the fall of 1778 he served fourteen day as a private in Captain Gardner's Company, Colonel Coopers' New York Regiment; that from October 1778 he served three months as private in Captain John Gardner's Company, Colonel Hay's New York Regiment; that from April 1779 he served one year in the batteau service under Captain William Cooly and Colonel Hay; that from the summer of 1780 he served twenty-one days as private in Captain Gardner's Company, Colonel Hay's New York Regiment; that in 1780 he served seven days as private in Captain Jonathan Lawrence's New York Company.

His claim for pension was not allowed as he failed to furnish proof for six months military service as required by the pension laws, the bateau service not being provided for in the Act of June 7, 1832, under which he applied.

In 1832 one Rachael or Rachel, Parcels, the widow of Paul Parcels, was living in New York City, her age or relationship to soldier not stated. There are no further family data.