

Pension Application for Zaccheus Ray

S.21438

State of New York

Saratoga County SS.

On this sixth day of September in the year one thousand eight hundred & thirty two personally appeared in open court before the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in said County now sitting Zaccheus Ray a resident of Moreau in said County aged seventy two years and ten months who 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 7th 1832.

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

In the year 1776 he went as a volunteer to guard, prisoners who were confined in a jail at the Nine Partners in the County of Dutchess in this state.

He was under the Lieutenant Robert Wood. The prisoners were tories & others disaffected to the government was gone from home on this service three months & was discharged by Lieut Wood who was the sole officer at that place at the time—at the time he entered the service he was living with his father on Livingston's Manor.

In the year 1777, the year that Burgoyne was taken, he volunteered under Capt. Ten Broeck, Lieut Henry Ervine. The name of the Colonel he does not recollect. He went to West Point & assisted in building the Fort on the hill, and did duty on guard.

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He went on one expedition in the afternoon in consequence of an alarm from West Point to Kings Ferry on the Hudson and situated in the night when they returned. The British shipping came within a short distance of Kings Ferry. He was in this service at West Point about three months & was discharged by Captain TenBrock. There was a number of soldiers there. He does not recollect the names of the Regiment.

Afterward in the year 1778, this deponents father removed to Saratoga from Easton County of Washington, and in the year 1779 he this deponent was out in the militia under Captain Peter VanWert it was said they belonged to Colonel McCrea's Regiment. He was out several times this year under said officer and went to the lines of the army & to Fort Edward.

In the year 1780 he was out as a volunteer in a company commanded by Capt. Job Wright. He volunteered in the month of May as nearly as he can recollect. They went out under the command of Governor George Clinton. They went to Fort George and Lake George and were there embarked on board batteaux, & went through Lake George to Ticonderoga. Thence they went through the woods to Crown Point, and returned to Fort George & were there discharged by Gen. Clinton—Was absent on this service one month or more. He was afterwards out several times in Captain VanWerts

company & went to the lines in Saratoga and also to Fort Edward and Palmertown mountain.

He was absent under Capt. VanWert & Wright in the whole as much six months.

In the year 1781 this deponent went back to Livingston's manor where he went as a substitute for one Gilbert Clapp. He was mustered on Livingston's Manor, under Captain James Willson & Lieut Vanorman. They went to Albany & staid there a few days when they marched to Schoharie, where they marched to Schoharie, where they were joined by Capt. Harrison.

They went up the Mohawk to Fort Plain & from thence they went to Fort Herkimer—20 miles below Fort Stanwix where they remained till near autumn, & then went to Johnstown. At this place they had an engagement with the British, Tories & Indians under Major Ross, in the earlier part of October. They took a number of prisoners Colonel Willet commanded the New York Troops, & Major Roswell commanded the Boston Troops. After the battle our army pursued the enemy to Upper Canada Creek.

This deponent with one officer & nine men were left on the ground to see to the sick & wounded. After the battle at Johnstown they returned to Fort Plain. While at Fort Plain they heard of the surrender of Lord Cornwallis and roasted an ox whole. He was discharged in the month of November having served for the space of eight months.

And the said deponent further saith that his whole period of service in the Revolutionary amounts to more than twenty months.

Has no documentary evidence of his services.

Born on Livingston's Manor then Albany Co. in this state in the year 1769.

Has no record of his age. Since the Revolution he has lived in Schaghticoke – Rensselaer County where he lived two years from Schaghticoke he went to Hillsdale in Columbia County where he lived 9 years from thence came back to Schaghticoke & staid about 2 years. From Schaghticoke he removed to Easton & lived there 4 years nearly. From Easton he went to Saratoga in Saratoga where he lived four years, from thence the wen to Moreau in the same County where he now resides and has resided for the last 20 years, Captains Fish & Wright were along in the northern service & also a part of Col. VanShaick & Schermerhorn Regts.

He received a written discharge from Colonel Willett which was burnt when his house was consumed by fire. He is known to James Newton Esqr. Ansel Thompson Esqr. Joseph Sweet Esqr, Mr Josiah J. Griswold, Caleb Burroughs, Aaron Case & Elisha Baker who can testify as to his character for veracity & their belief of his services.

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) Zaccheus Ray.

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid in open court. Thomas Palmer
Clerk