

## **Pension Application for Issachar Robinson**

S.28861

State of New York

Delaware County SS

On this 20<sup>th</sup> day of June one thousand eight hundred & thirty three personally appeared in open court before the Judges of the court of Common Pleas now sitting in and for the said County of Delaware Issachar Robinson, a resident of Middletown in said County of Delaware and State of New York aged seventy two 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 enlisted into a company of New York militia at the town of Bedford in the County of Westchester, N.Y. on the first day of March one thousand seven hundred & eighty one. The recruiting officer under whom he enlisted was Lieutenant Peacock. He that day joined the company under the command of Capt. Stevens. He thinks that William Wright was the ensign but does not recollect the name of the other officers.

He enlisted as a private for nine months. The next day after joining the said company he was detached on a foregoing party under the command of Lieutenant Peacock & marched to the town of Rye on the East River. Got several loads of forage & returned the following night to the lower part of Bedford, while there, early the next morning, one whole party, twenty three in number were taken prisoner by a party of Refugees & Tories, consisting of a company of infantry under the command of Capt. Totten and a band of horse cavalry under the command of Major Hickford, amounting in the whole to about four hundred men. The party who took in prisoners set fire to Bedford, burnt our forage, drove off our cattle, and conducted Lieut. Peacock & his men to the fort in Morrisiania & detained in there one night.

The next day we were taken to Harlaem Heights & delivered over to the British & the day after taken down to New York & lodged in the old jail. Immediately after being taken prisoner he this declarant, was stripped of his clothing except shirt & pantaloons & was taken barefoot to the jail where he was lodged as above stated & kept there about a fortnight when he was removed to the Tryon House where he was kept two or three weeks when he was taken with the small pox—

On being taken with the small pox, he was removed to the Brick meeting house then fitted up for a hospital. Remained there till recovered in some measure from the small pox when he was taken back to the Tryon House & kept there until he was exchanged.

On his exchange, which was full six months after he was taken prisoner, altho from his extreme sufferings, his hair & finger nails had dropped off & not able to walk, he with the assistance of friends made out to reach his home, the residence of his parents, at Frederickstown in the County of Dutchess.

As soon as he was so far recovered as to be able to walk & perform military duty, which was sometime in the month of October of that year he repaired to his

company then stationed at Crumpond in said Westchester County & rejoined it then being under the command of the aforementioned Capt. Stevens. The Captain gladly received him into his company & he did duty therein till he was discharged on Christmas day. His discharge is lost. He & many others of the company were requested to stay till that time (tho the term of their enlistment had expired) on account of another company not coming in to relieve them as soon as had been expected. After rejoining his company he was engaged in doing garrison duty, guarding the lines, scouting, &c. He was in service & as a prisoner under this engagement, as a private, nine months & twenty five days.

In the early part of October 1782 and certainly as early as the 10<sup>th</sup> day of that month he this declarant, enlisted as a private into the army of the United States for during the war. The recruiting officer by whom he was enlisted was Lieutenant Peter Nessals. He was attached to Capt. Reed's Company of Artillery. The regiment to which that company was attached was commanded by Col. Lamb. Lt. Col. Stevens & Major Bowman. Capt. Hubbell, Capt. Moody & Capt Savage commanded companies in that regiment. Our regiment was stationed at West Point. Another regiment of artillery was stationed there called Crane's regiment the whole under the command of Gen. Knox.

He this declarant remained in service doing garrison duty & on detached parties, till he was finally discharged at West Point in June, he believes in the latter part of June 1783. His discharge was handed to him by Col. Stevens, but is lost he knows not how. He enlisted the last time as above lost at Frederickstown in the County of Dutchess N.Y. & was after joined his company & regiment at West Point. He was in service under this enlistment at least eight months. Was not in any battle.

During the whole time under both of the said enlistments he was not employed in any civil pursuit. He has no documentary evidence to prove his said services except the depositions of Seth Whitney & Thomas Gregory which are hereunto annexed. He knows of no other persons living by whom he could prove any part of his said services.

He was born in the town of Frederickstown in the County of Dutchess N.Y. on the 26<sup>th</sup> of April 1761. H has a record of his age in a bible which was his father's. He was living in said Frederickstown at the time of both of his said enlistments & continued to live in that town till about the year 1796 when he removed to Stamford, now by a division of that town, Roxbury in the County of Delaware—continued to live in Roxbury till 1822 when he removed in to Middletown an adjoining town to Roxbury & in the same county. He has continued to reside in Middletown ever since.

He states the names of Matthew Halcott & John beadle in his present neighborhood, to whom he is known, & who can testify as to his character for veracity and their belief of his services as a soldier of the revolution.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity except the present, and he declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency in any state. (Signed with his mark) Issacher Robinson

Sworn & subscribed the day & year aforesaid in open court. C. Sheldon Clerk.

Letter in folder dated May 5, 1925, written in response to an inquiry.

I have to advise you that, from the papers in the Revolutionary War pension claim, S.28861, it appears that Issachar Robinson was born April 26, 1761 in Frederickstown, Dutchess County, New York, and while residing there enlisted, March 1, 1781, served as private in Captain Steven's New York Company, was captured and imprisoned in New York City, for six months, when he was exchanged, returned to his Company and was discharged December 25, 1781.

He enlisted October 10, 1782 in Captain Jacob Reed's Company, Colonel John Lamb's Second Regiment of artillery and was discharged in June, 1783.

He was allowed pension on his application executed February 9, 1829, while residing in Middletown, Delaware County, New York.

There is no data on file as to family.