

Morrison's Pensions

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Pension Application for Isaac Sedor or Sidore

S.29,441 Private, Captain Acker, Captain Dean, Captain Leandue, Captain Oser, and Captain Jesse Baker; Col. Honeywell. Died Jan 15, 1848. In 1845, his age was calculated to be 98.

State of New York
Jefferson County SS.

On this 19 day of September 1833 personally appeared before me George Brown Esquire, one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in & for the County of Jefferson in the State of New York, Isaac Sidore, a resident of Richmond in the County of Lenox Midland District in the Province of Upper Canada aged seventy seven years, who being first duly sworn doth on his oath make the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

That in the year 1775 as he recollects, but is not certain, but it was immediately after the British took possession of Boston he enlisted as a volunteer in the State of New York. That immediately before he enlisted he resided in Philips Town Manor, about two miles from White Plains & two from Tarrytown on the East side of the North River, about 18 miles above New York City & below West Point. Thinks the name of the Col. of the Regt when he enlisted was "Honeywill", Honeyville or some such name, Capt. Silbert Acker, Lieut Abram VanWart. Enlisted for one year served to the end of the year. At the end of the year I enlisted again & thinks under the same officers but am not certain. I enlisted from time to time & finally I served to the end of the war & was regularly discharged as I suppose, which we lay at a place near where Genl. Schuyler lived near Saratoga, building up a Block House which had been burnt by the Indians. The officer's name who gave me my discharge, was Thomas Hunt a Capt. This was after the war closed. But I am so old & my memory is so poor that I cannot remember the year. That I always enlisted as a volunteer, and took the place of someone as a substitute, but I am not able to tell the different times I enlisted or whose place I took as a substitute, but I am pretty certain that I served about seven years in all. I was in the Battle at the White Plains, was in various skirmishes & acted as a guard, I acted as a scout & watched the cow boys who lived in Morrisana, & assisted in building Fort Washington, about 18 miles from New York on the East side of the North River & below West Point. I have seen Genl Washington, saw him at the White Plains. Genl Washington [?] lived in Joseph Appleby's house several weeks. Joseph Appleby was my Brother in law. I married his sister. I knew Genl. Van Cortlandt. My Brother John Sidow was a Continental Soldier in the Regt commanded by Genl VanCortlandt & died in the service. When I enlisted I was 19 years of age. Never went out of the State of New York while in service. Lay at the City of New York when the Regulars were at Long Island. Three years after the war I removed to Fort Stanwix, was [at] the West Canada Creek. In about two years I removed to Canada where I have continued to reside ever since & now reside. I have not been at the City of New York in 43 years or about that time I was once taken Prisoner at Kingsbridge by a Hessian Colonel by the name of "Enrich" I think. I have lost my discharge & have no Documentary evidence in my possession or under my control or within my knowledge of my services as a soldier. I know of no person now living whose testimony I can procure who can testify to my services. I have no record of my age, but I believe my age would be found in a Bible owned by the Father but where the Bible is I know not. My age might be found in the record of a church in Philips Manor as I am informed. I cannot read or write & I always make my mark.

I hereby relinquish any claim relative to a pension or annuity except the present, and that my name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state. I believe I am seventy seven years of age, as near as I have kept the same in my memory.

I knew a Lieut Isaac VanWort, who was a Cousin of Abram VanWort & who was a regular soldier in the Regt commanded by Genl. Van Cortlandt.

I have neighbors residing in Canada, but my place of residence is sixty miles from Upper Count where I am now & it is impossible to procure their attendance at such a distance without money & I am poor & unable to bear these expenses on my own & I am now assisted by W. Soloman Beebe who is here with me. I being lame & unable to help [?]. There is no clergyman residing near me

whose attendance I could procure to testify to my character & there was is no court in session I will not be as I am informed until the month of December & I am infirm and needy.

While I was in the service I knew Isaac VanWort, John Paulding & Williams (I think David) the three men who captured Major Andre. I was at the time acting as a sentry at Peekskill. Major Andre as I remember was taken out far from Tarrytown below West Point & I understood at the time that the cannon at West Point were all spiked & Genl Arnold went into a vessel lying in the North River, but I do not recollect the name of it. Maj. Andre was afterwards tried & hung at a place called Tappon as a spy. I also knew a John Dikeman who acted as a guide to Genl. Washington. (Signed with his mark)
Isaac Sidore

Subscribed & sworn before me this 19 day of Sept 1833. G. Brown Judge Jeff County Court.