

Pension Application for Jacob Truax

S.11577

Declaration. In order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress, passed June 27th 1832.

State of Vermont

Franklin county SS.

On this 8th day of April 1833, personally appeared in open Court, before the Court of Probate, now sitting, Jacob Truax age 71 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 act of Congress, passed June 7th, 1832.

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

Born in Schenectady, on the 10th day of April 1762.

Has no record of his age.

Lived at Normans Creek, west of Albany, when he entered the service, where he remained until after the close of the war; moved from there to Schenectady, and then to Canada, where her lived untill the last war, then moved back to Schenectady and after the war moved again to Canada, where he has resided for a number of years.

He enlisted the first of April 1781, for nine months under Capt. Ellsworth, Lieut Bloodgood or Bloodwoods, Ensign John Shaw in the Regt commanded by Col. Willet, his Adjutant was Jellis A. Fonda, Enlisted at Norman's Creek now Princetown, New York, mustered at Albany, and marched from thence to Schenectady, where he remained 8 days, and from thence to Johnstown, was there a short time, from thence to Fort Herkemer [Herkimer] from thence to Fort Stanwicks [Stanwix], there about 8 days and while at the Fort last aforesaid, they cut down the piquets, and destroyed the fort, and returned back to Fort Herkemer, was there stationed about three months, and from thence to a place called Fort House, there a short time and from thence to Fort Plain, and there stationed till December at which place the troops were attacked by a party under the command of Major Ross & Butler, consisting of British and Indians, who were met by Col. Willet, and a skirmish ensued at Johnstown, between the advance guard of Co. Willet, and the enemy.

The enemy retreated and the Amnericans pursued to Canada Creek, at which place one of [the] Oneida Indians during the skirmish shot Col. Butler, [Captain Walter Butler, his father John Butler was a colonel] the troops, then returned back to Fort Plain and there remained until the last of December and then marched to Schenectady, arrived there on the 2d or 3d of January and was discharged on or about the 5th of the same month, after having served nine months.

He states that he had a discharge which he lost. Has no Documentary evidence whatever.

He is acquainted with the following named gentlemen who can testify that he is a man of a good character & it is their belief from report that he was a soldier of the Revolution.

Viz, Caleb Whitford, Elias Truax, Seneca Page, Isaac Gibbs, John Scott, Richard Scott, Belis Buck, Robert Buck, & Zaddock Buck. (Signed with his mark) Jacob Truax

Sworn to and Subscribed the day and year aforesaid. Att. W. Bridges

Letter in folder dated March 2, 1935, written in response to an inquiry.

Reference is made to your letter in which you request the Revolutionary War record of Jacob Truax, who served from New York State, and in 1820 was living in Franklin County, Vermont.

You are furnished herein the record of the only Jacob Truax who served from New York State found in the Revolutionary War records of this office, as found in the papers on file in pension claim, S.11577, based upon his service in the Revolution.

Jacob Truax was born April 10, 1762, in Schenectady, New York; the names of his parents are not given.

While residing at Norman's Creek, which was later Princetown, New York, about ten miles west of Albany, he enlisted April 1, 1781, served as private in Captain Elsworth's company, Colonel Marinus Willett's New York regiment; during his service was stationed at several different forts in the Mohawk Valley, assisted in destroying Fort Stanwix; during the period he was stationed at Fort Plain he was attacked by the British and Indians and in engagements at Johnstown and Canada Creek and was discharged January 5, 1762.

He resided at Norman's Creek, New York, until after the close of the war, when he moved to Schenectady, New York, thence to Canada, where he lived for some time, then back to Schenectady, and still later back to Canada.

Jacob Truax was allowed pension on his application executed April 8, 1835, while a resident of Farnham, Lower Canada. His application was executed in Franklin County, Vermont, and his name was placed on the pension roll of the Vermont Agency. It is not stated that he ever resided in said Franklin County, Vermont.

No reference was made to wife or children of Jacob Truax.

In [blurry], soldier's brother, Isaac Truax, aged sixty-seven years, was living in [Dunham?], Lower Canada; prior to his residence there, he lived in Norman's Creek, New York.

In 1833, the soldier, Jacob Truax, stated that he was acquainted with one Elias Truax, but did not state any relationship.