

Pension Application for Jabish Truesdell

W.19468 (Widow: Bethiah)

Declaration. In order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress, passed June 7, 1832.

State of New York

Broome County, SS.

On this 30th day of August 1832, personally appeared in open Court, before the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas, now sitting, Jabish Truesdell a resident of vestal in the County of Broome and State of New York, aged 73 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 7, 1832.

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

He enlisted at North Salem Westchester County N. York where he then lived in January 1776 into Capt Delavan's Company of Militia as a "Minute Man" for the term of three months, and in March afterwards was ordered to New York, thence up the East river to Hornshook and work'd upon the Fort, building at that place until his term of service expired.

In May he enlisted again under Capt. Cornelius Stenrod of the N. York Militia and was ordered to Hornshook where he worked on the Fort until his term expired and was discharged having served two weeks.

In June 1776 he enlisted in Capt Henry Slosson's Company of State troops in Col. Samuel drake's Regiment and Genl Scots Brigade was on Long Island at the Battle of Long Island in August, and while the Americans were retreating was stationed with his regiment during the night in front of the British Army to keep up the fires, and was with the last who left the Island for New York, the next morning the enemy under a heavy fire from their shipping took possession of New York, the morning the enemy under a heavy fire from their shipping took possession of New York, the applicant came up with the main body of the American Army under Genl Washington at Kingsbridge, marched thence to White Plains and was at White Plains at the time of the Battle of White Plains—thence to Peekskill, then crossed the Hudson River at Kingsferry where he remained under his time expired having faithfully served the full period of six months.

In the year 1777 (month not recollected) called out in Truesdell's Company of N. York State Militia in Col. Crane's Regiment, marched to White Plains thence to Bronx River—the troops here were under command of General Heath & Wooster—while stationed at this place the Enemy made a sally from Fort Independence and attacked Capt. Delavans Company of Rangers Capt. Truesdell's Company was ordered to support Delavan and the applicant was in that engagement and two other battles on that day—his term of service in this company was three weeks.

In March 1777 Enlisted for the term of one month in Capt Slosson's Company of State troops and joined Capt Delavans at Judge Wards house below White Plains—the next day was detached with a party commanded by Major Fish to guard a fording

place at Bronx river—The enemy in attempting to cross were driven back, and applicant and his company returned to quarters—

In the evening of same day the enemy having reinforced, followed to quarters, and surrounded the house an attack was made and they were driven back leaving their commander Major Campbell and 3 soldiers killed on the ground—the Americans lost 3 killed—having served the full period of my enlistment was discharged—

In April 1777 was called out in the Militia in Capt. Truesdell's Company and Col. Cranes Regt marched to Danbury & joined with Gen. Wooster at Ridgefield, he was in the Battle when Wooster was killed, and at the time the enemy burnt Danbury—He was on duty only 3 days in this service.

In May '77 he enlisted for the term of three months in Capt Henry Slossons Company, under the command of Major Strang, was stationed between White Plains and Sing Sing, where he remained on duty till his term of service expired and was then discharged.

In August he enlisted for three months in Capt. Noah Boughton's Company in Col. Hammond's Regiment and was stationed between White Plains and Sing Sing, after serving two months, a substitute was hired by the Father of applicant and he served out the full term of applicants enlistment.

In the month of March 1778 he enlisted in Capt Richard Sackett's Company of New York Militia in Col Graham's Regiment for the term of twelve months—he served in this company a part of the time and his father hired one Robert Bruce as a substitute who served the full period of his enlistment.

In the year 1779 he enlisted into Capt Delavan's Company of Horse during the war—this company found their own horses equipments and uniform—he served for part of the term as Orderly sergeant and was with this company which was the only Cavalry that escorted Genl Washington and Gove George Clinton into New York after the evacuation of that City by the British—and after going through with the maneuvers of the day was discharged by Genl Washington at that time and place—this discharge was verbal, and he has no other evidence of his services, now in his possession than the affidavit of Samuel Truesdell which is herewith exhibited, nor does he know of any other person by whom he can prove his services as above stated.

He was Born at North Salem, Westchester County N. York Feby 24 1759—he has no record of his age and nothing but a memorandum done thereof in his family bible.

He lived in said town until the year 1784 when he removed to Frederickstown, Dutchess County—thence in the year 1793 to Cocksackie Green County N.Y. and the year 1801 to Vestal Broome County where he now resides.

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) Jabish Truesdell

Sworn to and subscribed, the day and year aforesaid. B. Marvin Clerk