

Pension Application for Isaac Vail or Vale

S.11625

State of New York

Saratoga County

On this sixth day of September 1832 personally appeared in open court before
[no end to sentence]

In Court of Common Pleas now sitting Isaac Vale of the town of Half Moon in the County of Saratoga and State of New York aged seventy seven 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.

That in the year 1776 about the first of October he this deponent entered the service of the United States as a militia man in a company of militia under the command of this this deponent's father Israel Vale which company belonged to a Regiment of the New York State Militia Commanded by Colonel James VanDenburgh of which Regiment William Clark was Major and this deponent from the state that when he this deponent entered the company above stated he this deponent was appointed Second Lieutenant of the same which appointment was sanctioned by the Colonel and that Samuel Curtis was the other Sabatern Officer and this deponent further states that during the remainder of the fall before the campaign broke up he this deponent was ordered out on duty but how often he this deponent cannot recollect That this regiment was generally called on by alarm and general order for the whole or a part to turn out to guard the Hudson & Croton Rivers that their place of destination was near Peekskill on the Croton River and Fishkill on the Hudson that at the times he this deponent was at Croton River at Peekskill they were near the enemy's bounds when it became necessary to have a guard for defence that he this deponent thinks that in the year 1776 as above stated the time of his entering the service he this deponent was stationed at the places above named with the remainder of his company under the command of his father Israel Vale—

From about the middle of October to the first of [?] this deponent further states that in the year 1777 from the opening of the Campaign to the close of the same for that year he this deponent served his country in actual service on alarms by general orders at different places on the borders of the Hudson all of which service was performed under the afore mentioned officers excepting at one time when he this deponent was ordered to serve under Captain Penny as a guard at Kings Bridge near the enemy's Camp.

I served as a Lieutenant under the said Penny as Captain yet the time entered as to day & date or the time we were dismissed from said guard, I have nothing in my possession where by I can exactly determine but am confident it was at least one month and a half.

And this deponent further states that he continued in the service of the United States under the directions of Colonel VanDenBurgh a Colonel in the company under

the command of the this deponent's father Israel Vale until the close of the war, that during said service he was not in any engagement of importance then in the year 76, 77, and 78 and 79 he was called out with the remainder of the company or part of them a considerable share of the time during the season but is not in his power to determine how long at a time and how often in a season, that he this deponent lived near Colonel VandenBurgh and whenever there was any guard or patrolling party [?] he this deponent was ordered to go and that he this deponent continued so to serve from one to eight months in a year during the Revolution from the time he entered until the close of the same and this deponent further states that he this deponent never received a commission of his Lieutenancy to his knowledge that Colonel VanDenburgh gave him a certificate of his appointment and promised him his commission but never gave it to him and this deponent further states that he served as Lieutenant from October 1776 to the close of the war as afore stated in the manner afore mentioned at times and places as stated many of which he this deponent cannot now recollect during the period of service as afore stated he this deponent was in the service of the United States as much as two years now that this deponent knows of no person living by he can prove his service as the circumstances of the same excepting those whose certificate is here with attached and this deponent further states. That he was born in the town of Beekman's County of Dutchess and state of New York in the 29th day of October 1754 that he has a record of his age that he lived in the town County and State afore mentioned when he entered the service of the United States that he lived there during the Revolution and until 1784 when he moved to the town of Half moon in the county of Saratoga and State of New York where he now resides and where he has resided ever since.

To the Interrogatories propounded by the court I answer as follows.

1. I was born in the town of Beekman County of Dutchess and State of New York in the year 1754.

2. I have a record of my age in a Book at home.

3. I was living in the said town of Beekman when called into the service, I have lived in the town of Halfmoon County of Saratoga and State of New York since the Revolutionary War and still reside there.

4. I was a volunteer.

5. Genl George Clinton, James Clinton, Israel Putnam, Col. Dubois—I belonged to Col. VanDenBergh's regiment of militia and do not recollect any other regiment at this time except that commanded by Col. Dubois of Poughkeepsie. The general circumstances of my service are stated in my declaration.

6. I never received a discharge from the service.

7. I would mention the names of Jeremiah Haines, Napthali Guild, John B. Taylor, Elnathan Finch as persons to whom I am known in my present neighborhood and who can testify to my character for veracity and their belief of my services as a soldier of the Revolution.

I have no documentary evidence and know of no person whose testimony I can procure except what is hereto annexed.

I hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, and declare that my name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state. (Signed) Isaac Vail

Sworn to and subscribed the day and yea aforesaid in open court. Thomas Palmer Clerk.