

Pension Application for Israel Ward

S.14797

State of New York

County of Herkimer SS

On this ninth day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty two personally appeared in open court before the judges of the court of common pleas in and for the county of Herkimer now sitting Israel Ward an resident of the town of Litchfield in the county of Herkimer and State of New York in the eighty first year of his age 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.

That the first term he served he enlisted at the Precinct of Beekman in the County of Dutchess in the State of New York on or about the first day of April in the year one thousand seven hundred and seventy seven for the period of nine months in a company of rangers commanded by Captain Cooper. That the name of the lieutenant of said company was McCoughton [~~Smith is crossed out~~]. That the name of the ensign of said company was David Gazly abodied [~~embodied?~~] shortly after.

That at the time he enlisted as aforesaid he was a resident of the aforesaid Precinct of Beekman in the aforesaid county of Dutchess and State of New York. That the said company in which he enlisted formed [~~sic~~] a part of the regiment of New York State troops commanded by Colonel Courtland at a place near Peekskill in the said county of Dutchess then he believes called [~~Harkensur?~~]. That shortly after the said company joined the said regiment commanded by Colonel Courtland the said Colonel Courtland ordered the company commanded by the aforesaid Captain Cooper to march to a place in the said County of Dutchess then called Oblong and to dover and distant about twenty five miles.

That he marched with said company to Oblong aforesaid where the said company took a position and encamped. That they were employed thence forward till the end of the nine months as souts [~~scouts?~~]. That they were sent out in small parties and ranged along the borders of the Hudson and the southerly parts of the said county of Dutchess and the northerly part of the county of Westchester in the said State of New York in order to watch the motions of the enemy capture[s] tories and spies and prevent[ed] the disaffected inhabitants in those parts from supplying the enemy with provisions. That during the time he spent in this tour of service the vessels of the British were frequently seen in the Hudson and held intercourse with the disaffected.

That the British in the fall of this year captured Forts Montgomery and Clinton and destroyed considerable part of the stores at Peekskill in the said County of Dutchess. That he continued in the service until he had fully served out the nine months for which he had enlisted when he was honourably discharged it being about the first of January in the year one thousand seven hundred and seventy eight.

That he has no documentary evidence at the present time of his service and discharge. That at the time of his aforesaid discharge he received from the said Captain Cooper under whom he served a written discharge which was burnt about four years after the termination of the revolutionary war at the town of Spencertown in the county of Columbia in the said State State [sic] of New York at the time his house was burnt with almost every thing he had in it which he then possessed.

That he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service.

That the second term he served he enlisted in the early part of the month of February in the year one thousand seven hundred and seventy eight for the period of three months he then bring a resident of the Precinct of Beekman in the county of Dutchess and State of New York in the company commanded by Captain Cooper under he whom had served in his former enlistment. That he does not remember the given name of Captain Cooper. That the name of the lieutenant of the said company was Lank Smith and that of the ensign Daniel Gazeley.

That the said company in which he enlisted marched to the town of Fishkill in the said County of Dutchess where it joined the regiment of New York troops commanded by Colonel Courtland the said company forming a part of said regiment. That two or three days after they had joined the said regiment he marched to a place in the said county of Dutchess then called Oblong where the said company was stationed. That they were sent out in small parties and ranged the country in the vicinity of Dover or Oblong aforesaid and those parts of the said county of Dutchess adjacent to the Hudson Northerly as far as Poughkeepsie in said county and apprehended tories and spies and those of the disaffected inhabitants whom they found who supplied the enemy or attempted to supply them with provisions. That Oblong at which the company had their head quarters was about ten miles easterly of the Hudson. That at the end of the three months for which he had enlisted he was honourably discharged having fully served out the time for which he had enlisted.

That he has no documentary evidence of his service and discharge none having been given to him at the time of his aforesaid discharge. That he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service.

That the third term he served the militia regiment to which he belonged commanded by Colonel Peter Van Ness was called out in the early part of October in the year one thousand seven hundred and eighty in order to oppose the British tories and Indians who were ravaging the then county of Tryon in the State of New York lying westerly of the then county of Albany he then bring a resident of the town of Spencertown in the county of Columbia and State of New York. That the company of militia in the said regiment to which he belonged was commanded by Captain Cornelius Hogeboom. That the name of the lieutenant of the said company to which he belonged was Francis Delong and that the ensign James Jackson.

That the said company to which he belonged & commanded by the aforesaid Captain Hogeboom marched form Spencertown aforesaid through Kinderhook in the said County of Columbia to the City of Albany in the County of Albany and thence to

the City of Schenectady in the county of Schenectady about sixteen miles to the north west of the City of Albany where most of the companies forming the militia regiment commanded by the aforesaid Colonel Peter Van Ness were embodied.

That after this they marched up the Valley of the Mohawk to Fort Plain in the then County of Tryon but now in the County of Montgomery about forty three miles westerly of the aforesaid city of Schenectady. That at Fort Plain aforesaid in the town of Minden in the County of Montgomery aforesaid & state of New York—the said regiment commanded by the aforesaid Colonel Peter Van Ness joined a considerable body of militia convened at that place under the command of General Van Rensselaer.

That the British Tories and Indians crossed the Mohawk River a little above Fort Plain aforesaid on the south side of said river. That an action insured between the militia under the command of the said General Van Rensselaer and the British Tories and Indians which lasted a short time when the militia under the aforesaid General Van Rensselaer fell back three or four miles. That several of the militia under the command of the said General Van Rensselaer were killed & wounded. That among the wounded was Francis DeLong the lieutenant of the militia company in which he served. That the day after the said action Colonel Peter Van Ness ordered him to attend and take care of the said lieutenant Francis DeLong until his wound should be healed.—

That he according to the orders of the said Colonel Peter Van Ness attended and took care of the said Francis DeLong the aforesaid lieutenant until he got well of his wound which was not until about the twentieth of January in the year one thousand seven hundred and eighty one.

That the whole period he served in this tour including the time he attended upon his lieutenant Francis DeLong who was wounded as aforesaid was about three months and a half.

That he never had any pay or compensation for his attendance of the said lieutenant Francis DeLong. That he spent about two weeks in this tour of service exclusive of the time he spent in attending on the said Lieutenant Francis DeLong.

That he had no particular discharge otherwise than as before stated in his last tour of service.

That he has no documentary evidence of his service and discharge none having been given to him at the termination of his said tour of service.

That he has no record of his age. That he was born at the Precinct of Beekman in the county of Dutchess in the State of New [York] about the middle of August in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and fifty two.

That he resided in the Precinct of Beekman in the county of Dutchess and State of New York when he first entered the service by enlistment in the month of April in the year one thousand seven hundred and seventy seven.

That in the month of May and as nearly as he can remember about the twentieth of said month in the year one thousand seven hundred an seventy eight he removed from the Precinct of Beekman in the County of Dutchess aforesaid and State of New York to the town of Spencertown in the aforesaid county of Columbia to the town of Warrensburgh in the then county of Washington but now in the County of

Warren in the State of New York where he resided until the month of March in the year one thousand eight hundred and eighteen when he removed from the said town of Warrensburgh to the town of Scott in the County of Courtland in the aforesaid State of New York where he purchased a lot of land on which he lived till he lost it on account of the title being bad.

That he resided in the said town of Scott & county of Courtland till the month of April in the year one thousand eight hundred and twenty three when he removed from the said town of Scott to the town of Frankfort in the county of Herkimer and State of New York where he resided until the month of March in the spring of the present year when he removed to the town of Litchfield in the said county of Herkimer where he has resided since.

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) Israel Ward

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid in open court Julius C. Nelson, Clerk