

**Pension Application for Joseph Webb**

S.14829

State of New York

Delaware County SS.

On this eighth day of October A.D. 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Judges of the court of Common Pleas of the county of Delaware and State aforesaid now sitting Joseph Webb a resident of the Town of Tompkins in the County and State aforesaid aged seventy one 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<sup>th</sup> 1832.

That he was born in the Town of Goshen in the County of Orange and State of New York on the 2d day of September 1761 as appears from the record of his birth mad by his Father, a copy of which is now in his possession.

That he resided in Goshen aforesaid during and till several years after the Revolutionary War, whence he came to Tompkins about forty years since & has resided there ever since.

That he first entered the service as a substitute for his Father in the fall of the yea 1776 and served in the militia at Hackensack in New Jersey for a term of two months in a Company commanded by Capt Sawyer in Colo Ellison's Regiment.

That in the spring of the following year (1777) he again entered the service as a substitute for his father in a company commanded by Captain Swezy and went first to Hackensack and thence to Fort Montgomery on the Hudson river, where he assisted in building Fort Clinton, and in fixing a boom and chain across the River.

That he cannot state the precise length of time he was engaged in this service but he recollects that he went in April and was there i.e. on the Hudson, at different times during the summer, being occasionally relieved by others.

He thinks he did not serve less than three months in the militia during that Spring & Summer.

That when Fort Montgomery was taken by the British and they proceeded up the river, this declarant in the fall of the same year again entered the service as a Volunteer in a Company of which John Little was Captain and served two months in said company in a Regiment under the Command of Colo M.Laughrin and first followed the British nearly to Esopus, and then on their return down the river & on several occasions annoying them from the shores, the residue of their term the company to which this declarant belonged were stationed at New Windsor and Murderer's Creek.

And this deponent further states that in the spring of the following year (1778) he again served two months at West Point in a company of militia commanded by captain Swezey, and was employed in Cutting timber and building the fortifications at that place—

And that during the summer and fall of the same year he was several times called into service against the tories and Indians on the Minisink on the Delaware river and at Peenpack on the Neversink; and that during the following year (1779). He

performed several tours of service in the militia at West Point and at Minisink the militia of Goshen being classed, and a part being [sic] at all times in service, and being relieved at short intervals by others.

And that this declarant performed all the tours of militia service required of his Father and himself in the class, altho except it sometimes happened that the militia were called out en mass and both had to go at the same time.

That in the Spring and Summer of the following year (1780) he served several short tours in the militia at Minisink and Peenpack & was at Peenpack when it was burnt by the Indians and tories.

That some time in July of that year he entered the service as a volunteer for a three months service in a company commanded by Capt McKinstry in a Regiment commanded (as this declarant believes) by Colo Dubois on which one Fonda was adjutant. That this declarant some others of the company went on to Albany, and joined the reset of the company & most of the Regiment and even marched thence to Schenectady where they staid a few days waiting for orders as this declarant understood.

They then were marched up the Mohawk river to near the Little Falls when the company to which this declarant belonged was detached to Fort Dayton when and at Fort Herkimer they lay in garrison (except that this declarant with a part of said Company was once sent to guard a drove of cattle to Fort Stanwix) till their term of service expired when the company was dismissed, and a part had left the fort on their return home, when they were met at a short distance from the fort by the British & Indians under Sir John Johnson (retreating from an incursion down the river where they had burnt Schoharie, Stone Arabia and other places) and were driven back to the fort.

That soon after the British had passed by the American militia under Genl. Van Rensselaer & Colo Dubois, arrived in pursuit, and this declarant (with the company to which he belonged generally) volunteered, and joined in pursuit for four days, when the pursuit was given over, and this declarant returned to Fort Herkimer. That this declarant was absent from home on this last tour of service about four months. That in the following year (1781) he again served in the militia at Minisink and Peenpack, till in the latter part of summer, he enlisted for three months service in a company commanded by Capt. Henry Brewster, in Colo Weisenfelt's Regiment, joined the Regiment at Fishkill, and in a few days commanded a march to White Plains and went as far as Peekskill where orders were received for the Regiment to go to Saratoga. They Accordingly took boats & sloops & went to Albany, thence by land to Half moon & thence to Saratoga, where they encamped, and were employed occasionally as scouts in search of Indians and tories, and on one occasion took two prisoners, one of whom as hung as a spy, and the other escaped from his guard.

That this declarant remained with and served in said Regiment till their term of enlistment expired when they were marched back to Albany & dismissed.

That in the following year (1782) this declarant served several short terms in the militia at Minisink and Peenpack to guard against the tories and Indians in that frontier.

And this declarant further states that during the time above mentioned this declarant further states that during the time above mentioned this declarant served two other tours of militia service the dates of which he cannot recollect.

In one of which he served for two months in the winter season as one of a sergeant's guard at the gaol [jail] at Goshen to guard Elanduis Smith and other tory prisoners against an apprehended attempt to rescue them by their friends.

In the other he was engaged with a party of militia under a Sergeant by the name of Carpenter between one and two months in scouring the Sterling woods and mountains in search of tories and refugees, in which they took their prisoners and conveyed them to Poughkeepsie.

That the above statement is drawn up from memory. That he knows the facts, and believes the dates to be correct.

That he recollects the following officers as being in command besides those above enumerated at the places where & under whom he served, to wit. General James Clinton at Fort Montgomery, Genl McDougal at West Point, Colo Thurston, Major Hatfield, Major Decker, Capt (afterwards Maj) Westbook, Capt Jones, Lieuts Saml Webb, Mosher &c.—

And this declarant further states that he has no means of ascertaining the precise length of time he served in the militia at Minisink and Peenpack, but this he does distinctly recollect, that he served two tours or more on that frontier in each of the years 1777, 1778, 1779, 1780, 1781 & 1782 and that said tours were from two to four weeks in length. And that in the year 1779 he served three tours at West Point and he thinks that the whole length of time he served in the militia (exclusive of his engagements above mentioned for a particular period of time) could not in the whole fall short of one full year.

And this declarant further states, that he never received any written discharge, and has no documentary evidence of his services, and knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his services.

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) Joseph Webb

Sworn &b subscribed this day and year aforesaid in open court. C. B. Sheldon,  
Clerk