

Pension Application for Zophar Wickes or Wicks

W.22634 (Widow: Jane) Married January 14, 1782. He died March 12, 1841.

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State of New York

Delaware County SS

On this ninth day of October 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in Delhi in and for the County of Delaware aforesaid now sitting, Zophar Wickes a resident of Roxbury in the County aforesaid and State of New York aforesaid 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 7, 1832.

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

That he was born in Huntington Suffolk Co., Long Island, N.Y. the ninth of October 1755, and is seventy seven years old this day. Has no other record of his age than an entry in a bible in Saratoga County, formerly belonging to his father, & now in the possession of Jonathan Owens, a brother in law. He resided in Huntington till March 1776, when he removed to Charlotte Precincts so called now as he believes called Clinton Dutchess County where he remained about seventeen years when he removed to New Paltz in Ulster Co., N.Y., where he lived about twenty years when he removed to Roxbury County of Delaware N.Y. where he has lived till the present time.

In 1776 while residing in Dutchess Co. a request of call came from some quarter for troops to guard frigates then building at Poughkeepsie when he volunteered among a few others say ten of dozen and was gone on the service two other weeks there was not commissioned officers.

In January 1772 he volunteered in Capt. Samuel Smiths Company—Col. John Frayer's Regiment of Militia, went from thence to Peekskill, thence to Crum Pond—thence to White Plains, to Valentine Heights near kings bridge, there joined General Alexander Scott's Brigade. Where remained about six weeks & until the troops were marched back into Dutchess Co. and dismissed—received no discharge.

About first of March 1777 he was appointed a Lieutenant in Capt Elijah Hessink's Company, Coln Marne's Graham's Regiment, & General James Clinton's brigade—went to fort Independence near Peekskill where remained till about first of August making about five months—Before he got home he was appointed first Lieutenant in same Company, & Lance Regiment and went with the company to Van Schaick's island opposite Lansingsburgh and joined General gates Army in General Cover's brigade, thence went to Bemis Heights – was there in the battle of the Nineteenth of September some days after which he was taken sick and sent to Lansingburgh to the Hospital, then carried on board about & landed at Rhinebeck & was carried home where he remained sick sometime say three weeks and then rejoined his Regiment at Esopus in Ulster and was discharged some time in the November following with the Regiment making about three months or rising.

Sometime before the British burnt Peekskill a company was formed in Dutchess County called the Silas Greys consisting of old men notable to do duty, officers who had been in the army & civil officers to which he belonged, & went with the company when it volunteered to go to Peekskill after it was burnt. This service lasted two or three weeks.

The first commission or warrant for the office of the 2d Lieutenant was signed by Adjutant of Regiment John Graham by order of the Colonel which was all that ever received.

The commission for the office of first lieutenant was signed by Governor Clinton, Stephen Such Aid Decamp. Which was received soon after he went to the north—said Wickes believes they were deposited in an old box along with other papers not considered to be of much consequence which papers were destroyed by fire since he has resided in Roxbury aforesaid.

That John T. More and Jonas More with others [other] residents of Roxbury are personally acquainted with the said Zophar Wickes and can testify to his good character for truth & veracity and can also state their belief of his services as a soldier of the Revolution. That there is no clergyman residing in the vicinity where he lives.

That he the said Zophar Wickes has no documentary evidence of his services and knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his services except James Winchell and William Johnston whose affidavits are annexed—and the said Zophar Wickes hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is never on the pension roll of the agency of any state.

That in the foregoing services he acted as volunteer & that the foregoing Statement is correct according to his best recollection & belief—and he has stated the names of all the officers as far as he remembers them. (Signed) Zophar Wickes

Sworn & subscribed this 9 October 1832. C.B. Sheldon Clerk