

Pension Application for Joseph Wilbor or Wilbur or Wilber, Elizabeth

W.9167 Elizabeth Kitrich married Joseph Wilbor married March 21, 1823. Joseph died December 27, 1841.

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Columbia County SS

On the 27th day of May 1833 personally appeared before the Justices of the Justices Court of the City of Hudson in said County now sitting in open court. Joseph Wilbor of Chatham in said County of Columbia aged eighty 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 7th 1832.

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

In September 1776 he enlisted under Captain Jacob Vosburgh, Lieutenant Samuel Thompson, Lieutenant Colonel Waterman. Attached to Albany and was first under General Schuyler. This engagement was on a [an] alarm on the anticipation of General Howe coming from Canada, marched from Albany by Stillwater and Fort Miller to Fort Edward and remained till informed that Gen. Howe had retreated to Canada and returned by the same route to Stillwater thence to Half Moon & Schenectady and remained a few days, thence to Johnstown where he ws dismissed in November following serving two months & returned home.

On the first of April 1777 he enlisted in a company of Rangers or Minute Men under Captain John Smith for nine months and was not attached to any regiment but served to guard the inhabitants from depredations committed by Tories and served round about Kinderhook and the adjacent places for two months when the alarm was sounded in consequence of Burgoynes decent [descent] from Canada where said company was disbanded and he Wilbor volunteered under Captain Jacob Vosburgh and Lieutenant Samuel Thompson. The Ensign having before gone with another Company, under the same field officers just mentioned marched by Albany and forts Edward to Fort George and was in Gen Schuylers retreat from that place before Burgoyne and returned to Stillwater and was dismissed in July following serving one month.

About the 1st of August following he entrusted under Captain Eleisha Gilbert & Lieut Colonel Asa Waterman & Colonel Henry W. Livingston was marched to Stillwater and put under General Glover and thence to Bemus Heyhts was there at the battle of surrender of Burgoynes army was taken sick and sent to the Hospital and remained the term of enlistment was out in November was dismissed and returned home serving three months.

About the first of October 1778 he volunteered under Captain Jacob Vosburgh & Lieutenant Samuel Thompson Colonel Whiting & General Van Rensselaer marched to Schenectady and was put under Capt. Philip Fisher & Lieutenant Josiah Warner in /., 1same Regiment from there marched by Cahnawaga [Caughnawaga] to Fort Plain and near a place called the [Sprouts?] had an engagement with Tories Indians and British Regulars Commanded by Colonel Johnson who had previously burned

Schoharry [Schoharie] Cahnauwaga & Stone Arabia and drove them by Fort Herkimer to Oneida Lake who took boats and having none to preserve them returned by the same general route to Fort Herkimer and was dismissed in November following serving one month & a half & returned home in the engagement at the Sprouts Colonel Brown & about thirty Americans were killed.

He does also declares that in all the aforesaid service he was a sergeant and served as such that he belonged to Captain Vosburghs company & resided near him and held the office of Sergeant continually and that he served as sergeant under Captains Smith and Gilbert above named and that as such he served at various times not enumerated in warning men attending Court Martials &c which would amount to at least one month of continued service and that he distinctly recollects being called out to suppress a gang of Tories in the upper part of Kinderhook when they were surprised and Abraham Van Ness an American was shot by the Tories and seven of them were taken and committed, serving five days again was called out to pursue one Barry Dyer a notorious Tory and served four days in their tours also served as Sergeant.

He also declares that he was born in what is now Anerain [Ancram] in the County of Columbia aforesaid on the 23rd day of December 1751 he has no record of his age except in his family bible. That he removed to Chatham his present residence before the revolution now has resided there ever since. Has no documentary evidence of his service never had a discharge. Had a Sergeants warrant when has long been mislaid or lost and knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service except that of Simon Barnum hereunto annexed. He always entered the service as a volunteer.

Names of persons in his neighborhood who are acquainted with him who can testify as to his character for veracity and their belief of his services as a soldier in the Revolution, Jonathan Peake, Maes Parker, Isaac Webster.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to s 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 Wilbor

Sworn to and Subscribed the day and year aforesaid. Larry Patrick Justice
Peace