

Pension Application for James or Jacobus Wilsey or Wiltsee

R.11650

State of New York

Schoharie County SS

On this twelfth Day of November 1832, personally appeared in open court before the court of Oyer and Terminer being a court of record in the county of Schoharie now, setting, James Wilsey a resident of the town of Cobelskill [Cobleskill] aged about 70 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 from June 7th 1832.

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

That he the said James Wilsey was enlisted in Poughkeepsie in Dutchess County in the State of New York by one Capt Harrick a recruiting officer for the term of two years, this enlistment was in the fall in the year 1778, that he the said James Wilsey was called into the service next spring 1779.

That he was but in Captain Gershom Mott company of Artillery in the 2nd New York regiment of artillery, which was commanded by John Lamb Colonel of said regiment of Artillery, in the line of the State of New York on the Continental Establishment that he the said James Wilsey served at West Point and in [?] Dutchess county and in that vicinity this services was rendered at the time when the british army lay in New York.

That he was also in a battle at the time when the british army came up the river and burnt the Village of Sobus; that he the said James Wilsey was the fifer in Captain Mott[s] company that he continued to serve in said corps faithfully a fifer until in the spring 1781, that he was then honorably discharged in West Point Rockland County in the State of New York from the service by captain Mott verbally.

That he the said James Wilsey has been informed that his name is not on Muster Roll in the State of New York the said James Wilsey says on his oath that Capt Harrick Muster's him at the time when he was enlisted in the fall in the year 1778; and has been neglected to enter his name on the muster roll record; that he was called into the service next spring 1779; that he was but in Capt Mott's company aforesaid and also has been neglected, this must be the reason that his name is not on the record of the muster roll, the said James Wilsey says on his oath that he Diligently enquired to obtain positive testimony to his services, but he has not found any, because he is a Poor Lame man, that he cannot go much about that he has no documentary evidence that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service, only by reputation and circumstances.

That he hereby relinquishes every claim what ever 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.

He court propound[?] the interrogatories presented by the war department on the said James Wilsey the applicant.

1. He answered on his oath that he has been informed and believes the same to be true that he was born in Poughkeepsie in Dutchess[s] County in the State of New York.
2. That he has no record of his age, that he has been informed and believes the same to be true that he was born in Year 1762.
3. That he lived in Poughkeepsie in Dutchess[s] County when he was called into service in the revolutionary war, since the revolution he lived part of the time in Poughkeepsie Dutchess County and in that vicinity, from thence he moved to Schoharie and lived in Schoharie and Cobelskill about 38 years and that he now lives in Cobelskill.
4. That he was enlisted by Captain Harrick and discharged by Captain Mottlyword as he has stated in his declaration.
5. That Captain Bliss, Captain Stevens, Captain Savage and Captain Thomas were with the troops, in Colonel Lambs regiment of Artillery, that he the said James Wilsey was a fifer during the two years services in Colonel Lambs regiment; that he was also acquainted with Minard Bogert a private soldier and Cornelius Swarthout [?] in said regiment and that at the time when he entered the service as aforesaid that Capt Mott made him the said James Wilsey the fifer in the place of Cornelius Swarthout, because Cornelius Swarthout was an intemperate [intemperate] man and frequently intoxicated with strong Liquor that he the said Swarthout had then to service a private soldier in Colonel Lambs regiment.
6. That he answered and stated the names of the persons in his neighborhood who can testify to his character for truth and veracity and their belief of his services as a soldier of the day and year aforesaid (Signed with his mark) James Wilsey
7. Sworn and subscribed the day and year aforesaid in open court. John Gebhard Jr. Clk.