
**Pension Application for Jacob Yonger, Youger, Youker, Jukker, Uker, Yuger, Yuger,
Yougher, Jucker**

S.11925

Jacob was awarded a pension of \$46.41 per annum, Certificate of Pension issued the 9th day of July 1833.

State of New York

Montgomery County

On this 22 day of September in the year eighteen hundred & thirty two personally appeared in open court before the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas held at the Court House in Johnstown now sitting Jacob Youger of the Town of Openheim [Oppenheim] in the County of Montgomery & State of New York aged seventy five years next October, 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 was born in the town of Palatine (now called Openheim) in the County of Montgomery & State of New York on the 26th day of October in the year 1757—That he resided there during the Revolutionary War & also since that time until the present.—That he entered the service of the United States about the first of June as near as he can recollect in the year 1777 under the command of Captain Samuel Gray (1) in Colonel Klock's Regiment of Militia—That he enlisted at this time for the term of six months to act as a Minute Man—(2) ready to go when called for by the Officers—That he was ordered to march to German Flatts to guard Fort Herkimer—That while there about three hundred Indians & Tories from Canada commenced an attack upon the Fort & after a few hours fight they retreated--& they followed them about three miles when they again returned to the Fort—he thinks there were no men lost at this time—that he remained at the Fort about six weeks when he returned home about the middle of August following—that while he pretended to stay at home there was not scarcely a week but he was called out continually on alarms & for scouts, some times one two three days & sometime whole weeks at a time of which he kept no regular account—but so often was he called upon that he could do nothing else until his six months expired which was on or about the last of November of that same year.

That soon after this time expired and thinks about the first of December following he was drafted & served most of the time under the command of Captain Christian House (3) & still under the command of Colonel Klock until the close of the war:--That the company to which he belonged was divided into two classes—one class serving two weeks & then the other class would release them when they would serve two weeks & so alternately relieving each other every two weeks—That he was ordered to guard Remus Snyder's Fort between the Little Falls & Fairfield—That he served as above stated sometimes under the command of Christian House, sometimes under the Command of Henry Hoover (4) who was also Captain until in the Spring on the first day of March 1782 (5) when he was drafted out of the Fort on a Scouting party to Yanky Bush about three miles from the Fort—That he had been frequently drafted but does not recollect the particulars of any except this time—and the reason he particularly recollects this is because he was taken on the second day of March in the year 1782 a prisoner by a company of about fifty men including Tories & Indians—That he & one George Adle were alone on the scout when they were taken prisoners & led to their camp when they were detained by some of the enemy while the others went into the settlement & took nineteen others among them were John Boyer, John House & the names of the others he cannot recollect—That after the Enemy had returned with their nineteen prisoners they moved off to Canada where all were taken except one George Adle who ran away—That they landed first at

Buck's Island & from there they were taken to Montreal—That he was kept there until about the latter part of the month of October following when he and one other, whose name he cannot recollect ran away from there & returned, the same way that they were taken, home—being in all about eight months.—(6)

That after he returned he did not again enter the service until the latter part of August in the following year when he again went out in pursuit of John Butler, (7) [Walter Butler] who was then on his retreat from Johnstown (8) & under the Command of Christian House & was absent a few days—That he does not recollect the names of any other officers except those above named,—That he never received a discharge and has no documentary evidence of his services—That he is known in the neighborhood where he resides by Jacob J. Failing & John J. Failing, who will testify to his character for veracity—good behavior—and reputed services as soldier of the Revolution—That he knows of no person who can testify to his service & being taken a prisoner except Jacob J. Failing whose affidavit is hereto annexed—That 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—That no Clergyman resides in his neighborhood whose certificate he can obtain. (Signed with his mark) Jacob Youger

Sworn to and Subscribed the day & year above written. Geo: D. Ferguson, Clerk.

State of New York

Montgomery County SS

Personally appeared this 29th day of January A.D. 1833 before me the undersigned a Justice of the Peace in the Town of Oppenheim in the said County, Jacob Younger who being duly sworn says that by reason of old age & the subsequent loss of his memory he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his services but according to the best of his recollection he served the following tours of service & not less than the periods mentioned below & in the following grade—viz:--

That he and others enlisted for six months as minute men so called then & were to hold themselves in readiness to serve when required in the company whereof Samuel Gray was Capt in the Regt of Infantry of the Revolutionary Army in the State of New York whereof Jacob Klock was called the Col that he served in said Company as a private from June 1, 1777 to July 12, 1777 for one month & twelve days during said term of six months as follows on a tour of service—that he in said company commanded by said Capt. Gray were marched from the Town of Palatine where he resided when he entered said service to Fort Herkimer where he & said Company were stationed for said one month & twelve days when they returned home—said Company belonged according to his recollection to the Regt but cannot be positive.

That he also served during the last mentioned six months on a tour of service as a private in same company & Regt under same officers last mentioned from Augt 2d 1777 to Augt 16th 1777 for fourteen days as follows that he & said Company were marched from the Town of Palatine to Fort "Loucks" on Stonearabia in the same town & were stationed there during said fourteen days when they returned home—that when he entered on the last tour he resided in the now Town of Oppenheim in said County--& that he recd only a verbal discharge.

That he also during said Six months served on a tour of service as a private in the same Company & Regt & under same officers above mentioned from 20 Augt 1777 to 20 September 1777 for one month as follows & that he & said Company were marched from then Town of Palatine to Fort Plank (so called) about four miles westwardly from Fort Plain in the Town of Minden & that said Forts are sometimes confounded but that there were two Forts of the names aforesaid the Former Fort some miles westerly in same Town from Fort Plain—that he & said Company were marched to said Fort Plank &c were there stationed for one month--& then

returned home, that he resided in the said Town of Oppenheim in said County when he entered on last mentioned tour of duty & further says that the minute men as he understood were only obliged to serve & keep themselves in readiness when they were required—that they enlisted for 6 months & during that time he served the aforesaid three tours of service for the periods aforesaid respectfully, which said tours were the only important ones he can recollect so as to give a detail thereof.—

That he served also as a private soldier in the company whereof Christian House was Capt & in the Regt whereof Jacob Klock was Col. From May 1st 1778 to 16th May 1778 for sixteen days as follows—that he was drafted out of said company & was marched to Fort Herkimer & there stationed guarding said Fort for said period last mentioned—that one Herkimer (9) (whose Christian name he cannot recollect) commanded there said Fort & was an officer & according to his recollection of the rank of Captain—that while in said Fort a party of Tories & Indians passed by said Fort & fired upon the Fort & was returned from the Fort—but the tories & Indians retired & were pursued by him & others in the Fort for some days without being able to come up with them -- & they returned to the Fort—that some soldiers belonging to the revolutionary Army came to the said Fort after the battle & went also in pursuit of the Indians & Tories—

That about 600 men (10) followed the Indians as aforesaid in order to over take them—but also commanded the whole body of men he cannot recollect.—but he was under the Command of said Herkimer—that the Indians returned as supposed to Canada—when the men who came to the Fort after the battle or skirmish went away from said Fort Eastward -- & where to he cannot recollect—

That when last tour of service he resided in the now Town of Oppenheim in said county-& cannot more particularly state last mentioned services—that said Company & Regt belonged to the infantry of the militia of the State of New York of the revolutionary Army—that Capt House did not accompany those drafted out of his Company-- That he also served as a private in the same Company & Regt last mentioned of which Company Christian House was Capt & Jacob Klock Col of said Regt from first day of June 1778 to fifth day of June 1778 for four days as follows that he was ordered out by his Commanding officers—that the said Company went—that he & said Company were marched from the Town of Oppenheim in said County to Remer—Snyder's Bush in the now Town of Manheim in Herkimer County—thence to Fairfield in same County--& were marched back to Remer—Snyder's Bush (11)—that the Indians & Tories had at or near Fairfield Killed some of the Inhabitants & taken others prisoners—that his Capt (House) Commanded said Company & Col Klock said Regt—that the Regt were also on this tour of duty—that he served said four days when he was discharged verbally & returned home—that he resided in the now Town of Oppenheim in Montgomery Co., when he entered on last mentioned tour of duty.

That he also served as a private in the same company & Regt aforesaid under the same officers from 10th November 1778 to 16th November 1778 for six days as follows—that he was ordered into this service by his commanding officers—that the company & Regt marched to Cherry Valley (12) & arrived there the day after the massacre of the inhabitants of that place, by the Tories & Indians—that he saw many of the inhabitants that were killed & assisted in putting the dead bodies on wagon to take some to the Fort at said place—that Jacob Klock commanded said Regt on this tour of duty – that when he entered last mentioned tour of duty he resided in the now Town of Oppenheim in said County.

That he also served as a private in the Company & Regt last mentioned commanded by the same officers last mentioned from the 25th of April 1779 to the tenth day of May 1779 for sixteen days at least as follows—that he & part of said Company were drafted on this tour of

service—that Conradt Timmerman (13) an Ensign in said Company Commanded him & those that were drafted as last mentioned—that they were marched from now Town of Oppenheim to Stone Arabia to Fort “Loucks” in said County of Montgomery & were there stationed for said period doing duty as a soldier—for said sixteen days—then were discharged & returned home—that when he entered last tour of service he resided in the Town of Oppenheim County of Montgomery—

That he also served as a private in the same Company & Regt last mentioned under the same officers thereto belonging as aforesaid from first day of June 1779 to sixteenth day of June 1779 for sixteen days as follows—that he & others of said Company was drafted on this tour of duty—that Conradt Timmerman his Ensign Commanded him & said party that were drafted on this occasion—that they were marched from the now Town of Oppenheim in Montgomery Co., to Fort Plain where they were stationed for said period last mentioned—according to his recollection Capt Gross (14) whom (he thinks) he saw at this Fort commanded said Fort but cannot swear positively & Cannot recollect the name of any other officer he saw at said fort, tho’ there were other militia officers there, that he served said sixteen days as aforesaid & when he entered one this tour of service he resided in the now Town of Oppenheim in Montgomery Co.—

That he also served as a private soldier in the same Company & Regt aforesaid last mentioned under same officers from sixth day of July A.D. 1779 to twentieth day of July 1779 for fourteen days as follows—Viz—that he & others of said Company were drafted out of said Company & Regt.—that they went from Town of Oppenheim, Montgomery County., were marched to Remer Snyder’s Bush where was a small Fort & while in Fort he was commanded by Capt Henry Hoover who commanded said Fort—that he was stationed at said Fort during said fourteen days doing duty as a private—that he was verbally discharged & when he entered last mentioned service he resided in the now Town of Oppenheim in said County of Montgomery that his Capt (House) did not accompany them on this service—

That he served also as a private in the Company aforesaid whereas Captain House was Capt in the Regt whereof Jacob Klock was Col. from the fifteenth day of August 1779 to the thirtieth day of August 1779 for fifteen days as follows—that he & some others out of said Company were drafted & were marched again [to] Remer Snyder’s Fort in the now Town of Manheim County of Herkimer & that he & those drafted were stationed in said fort was Commanded by John Keyser (15) a militia Captain under whom he served at said Fort for the period last aforesaid—that none of the commissioned officers of Capt. House’s Company accompanied them in this tour of service—that he served as a private for said fifteen days & then returned home that when he entered last mentioned service he resided in the now Town of Oppenheim Montgomery County.

That he also served as a private in said Company whereof Christian House was Capt in Regt whereof Jacob Klock was Col. of the militia of the State of New York from Sept 6, 1779 to Sept 9, 1779 for three days as follows—

That he & about fifteen others of said Company were drafted on a scouting party – that they marched up the East Canada Creek for a whole day & next day they took two Indians prisoners who were heavily laden with fur—that they took the Indians to Col. Klock’s house & assisted them in carrying their Packs when they arrived at the Cols House the Indians were discharged as on enquiry it was ascertained that they were friendly Indians, who were going to Albany to sell their fur—that he served said three days on said scouting party as aforesaid & when he entered he resided in said Town of Oppenheim.

That he also served as a private in same Company & Regt last mentioned under same officers from Sept 13th to Sept 15th 1779 for two days as follows & that the said company or

those not in service then together with were ordered out by his Commanding officers into the service—that the Captain accompanied said Company—that they were marched to “Kringsbush” & returned home next day—that a building was burned at said place which caused them to go out supposing at the time that the Indians had done it--but it turned out that a young woman had set fire to the building—that he resided in the same Town of Oppenheim when he entered in last mentioned service.

That he also served as a private in the Company whereof Christian House was Capt. in the Regt whereof Jacob Klock was Col. from the first day of March 1780 to 2d day of March 1780 for two days as follows—that he was drafted with others of said Company & were marched by the said Capt on said first day of March 1780 to Remer Snyder’s Fort that the day after to wit on 2d March he & one Adel were drafted out of said Fort on a scout --& same day they while on scout were taken prisoners—that he remained a Prisoner until twenty eight day of Octr 1780 for seven months & twenty six days being the whole time of his being a prisoner when he ran away & returned home—that as this tour of service & the above facts herein stated are correct according to his recollection he desires his original declaration being incorrect as to the dates of the facts herein stated—That he resided in the now Town of Oppenheim aforesaid when he entered last service & being a prisoner were made by the person who drew his said original declaration.—

That he also served as a private the year following his return from imprisonment last above mentioned in same officers commanding from 23d of Augt 1781—25 Augt 1781 for two days—that said Company & himself joined Col. Willet in pursuit after the Indians & Tories on their retreat from the battle at Johnstown—that Walter Butler was killed near the Canada Creek—that he joined said Willet troops after the battle—that he resided in the said Town of Oppenheim when he entered last mentioned service & further says that he was on other short tours of duty not mentioned—claim only a Pension for his services & time of Imprisonment aforesaid, & detailed—If the time of his imprisonment cannot be allowed, the same will then be deducted—that he can produce no other or further proof then that contained in his original proceedings – that when he entered on aforesaid service he resided in the now Town of Oppenheim County of Montgomery aforesaid & has stated his said services as fully as he can recollect same--& further says not-- (Signed with his mark) Jacob Youker

Sworn & subscribed this 29th day of January A.D. 1833 before me. Ashbel Loomis
Justice of the Peace.

End Notes—S.11925—Jacob Youker

1. The Tryon County Battalion of the Minute Man was authorized to be raised on September 19, 1775. George Herkimer was appointed colonel and Samuel Gray as the Adjutant (the Adjutant usually held a commission of a lieutenant or ensign). So far no company muster rolls have been found for the Minute Men Battalion. If Jacob served in this unit it would have been in 1775 or until the middle of 1776. On June 5, 1776 New York’s Provincial Congress ordered “*1st That the distinction between Minute Men and Common Militia which seems to be a consequence of the aforesaid Resolve of the Continental Congress be henceforth abolished, that thereby the Militia of the Colony may be again reduced to one Common mass.*” *2dly That therefore all the Commissions for Minute Officers be forthwith recalled and that every private be placed under his proper Militia Officer, leaving each Regiment to be Officered according to the Mode prescribed, that is to say—Those under the degree of Field Officers by Election of the privates & those above that Degree by the appointment of the Provincial Congress*”. FROM: Documents

Relating to the Colonial History of the State of New York ed. Berthold Fernow, Vol. XV, State Archives, Vol I, Weed, Parsons and Company Printers, P. 105, Albany, N.Y. 1887.

2. Forts Herkimer and Dayton were attacked on September 17, 1778 and again on July 15, 1782.
3. Christian House was appointed on August 26, 1775 Captain of the Seventh Company in Colonel Jacob Klock's Second Regiment of Tryon County Militia. This is the Company that Jacob would have served in 1775 except when on minute man duty. There are two pay receipts for Jacob for service in Colonel Klock's Regiment no. 2164 £ 2. . 16. . 10 2/3 and no. 2134 £1. . 1. .
4. Henry Huber was a Captain in Colonel Peter Bellinger's Fourth Regiment of Tryon County Militia. Captain Huber was taken prisoner at the Battle of Oriskany on August 6, 1777. He was paroled and returned home in 1778.
5. Jacob was taken prisoner on April 3, 1780 with George Attle, (Eadel, Edel, etc.) who later escaped and returned home by April 25, 1780.
6. This part is fabricated. He enlisted into the British service on April 3, 1780 in the First Battalion of the King's Royal Regiment of New York which was commanded by Sir John Johnson. John Carter and his father were also taken prisoner in the April 3 raid, and in Book 1 of Don't Shoot is his pension application on pp 69-77, it is an interesting account of the raid. Jacob's enlistment is in "Casuals of the KRR NY since formation, Point Clair, 17 May 1783, includes names, Dates of Enlistment, Death, Discharge or desertion, MG 21 B158, pp 208-210. Gov. Frederick Haldimand Papers, British Museum, England. Jacob is listed as deserting on October 26, 1780 and also a John Cogdon is listed as deserting on the same date. Cogdon had deserted on May 22, 1780 from Colonel Goose VanSchaick's First New York Continental Regiment. The First New York was stationed at Fort Schuyler in 1779, and 1780. By May of 1780 the morale was so bad that about two dozen men deserted on the same night including the Drum Major Henry Keyser. Cogdon was a private in Captain Andrew Fink's Third Company and is listed in the November 1780 Company Muster Roll as returning to the Company on October 6, 1780. Cogdon served to the end of the War and received 500 acres of Bounty Land for his service in Township 5 (Camillus) Lot 51 on July 7, 1790.
7. Captain Walter Butler son of Lieutenant Colonel John Butler was killed in the skirmish at West Canada Creek on October 30, 1780.
8. On October 25, 1781, a battle was fought at Johnstown between American troops under Lieutenant-Colonel Commandant Marinus Willett and British forces under Major John Ross and Captain Butler.
9. George Herkimer had been appointed Captain in Colonel Bellinger's Regiment on August 26, 1775 but by the end of the year he was Cashiered for conduct unbecoming an officer. He was also the Colonel of the Minute Men but after June of 1776 he would have been just a private soldier in Colonel Bellinger's Regiment. George may have been at Fort Herkimer as he lived within a couple of miles from the fort.
10. This added information on the attack of Fort Herkimer tends to lean towards the July 15, 1782 raid led by Captain George Singleton of the King's Royal Regiment of New York and Captain Joseph Brant. Major Andrew Finck of Willett's Regiment did arrive with more troops and renewed the pursuit of the raiders.
11. Remesnyders' Bush, Snyder's Bush etc. was raided at least twice during the War of Independence. A block house was built there to protect the grist mill owned by Henry Rumsnider as he spelled it later.

12. Cherry Valley was destroyed on November 11, 1778 by Captains Walter Butler and Joseph Brant.
13. Henry Zimmerman was commissioned ensign on June 25, 1778 in Captain House's Company and Conrad Zimmerman was serving as a sergeant in the same company. On March 4, 1780, Henry Zimmerman was commissioned the second lieutenant and Conrad Zimmerman as the ensign in Captain House's Company.
14. Lawrence Gros was not appointed Captain until April 27, 1781. On that date he was appointed Captain in Willett's Regiment of Levies. Gros served in Captain John Ruff's (or Roof) Company as lieutenant which were attached to Colonel Klock's regiment in 1779. Ruff's company appears to be a company of exempts. One year they were attached to Klock's Regiment and one year they were attached to Colonel Samuel Campbell's First Regiment of Tryon County Militia.
15. John Keyser was a Captain in Colonel Klock's regiment. He was taken prisoner on March 15, 1780 and kept a prisoner until he was released on September 3, 1781. FROM: Audited Accounts Vol. A. Page 291, Special Collections and Manuscripts, New York State Library, Albany, NY.