

Pension Application for Jesse Jones

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Declaration. In order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

State of New York

Tompkins County SS.

On this third day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty two personally appeared in open court before the court of Common Pleas in and for the County of Tompkins now sitting; Jesse Jones, a resident of the Town of Dryden in the County of Tompkins and State of New York, aged; sixty six years, who first being 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.

The first of June in the year 1780, at the Town of Duanesburg in the County of Albany, now Schenectady and State of New York, he volunteered – in Capt'n McGee's Company in the Regiment commanded by Col. DuBois, for the term of three months.

Joined the said Company at Albany and marched from thence to West Point, thence to Stoney Point—thence to Haverstraw, thence back to Albany from thence to Fort Edward, at which place his term of three months had expired on the first of September, discharged he has forgotten who gave him his discharge.

The first of April in the year 1781, at the Town of Duanesburg he volunteered for the term of nine months he marched from Duanesburg to Schenectady, thence to Fort Plain, there he joined Capt'n Lawrence Gross's company in the regiment commanded by Col Willet, while in this campaign he was at Fort Wayne, Fort House, Fort Plank, Fort Eaton, and Fort Herkimer, at which last fort he was stationed from the middle of December until the first of January 1782, at which place his time had expired on the first of January aforesaid, and he received his discharge (forgotten by whom) and returned home to the Town of Duanesburg; (during the aforesaid term he was in an engagement against the Indians at a place called Turlough, now called Sharon in the month of June under the command of Col. Willet) at this time Capt'n McKeen was wounded and carried back about a mile to a house, where he died of his wounds the same night after the engagement [engagement] his remains were removed to Fort Plains, where his burial was attended under arms.

During the said Campaign in the month of October, he the said Jesse Jones was in the Battle at the Mohawk River at JohnsTown under the command of Col. Willett, when the enemy were defeated; during the engagement our field piece was taken and retaken two or three times. That he resided in the Town of Duanesburg in the County of Albany, now Schenectady in the State of New York, when he entered the service of the United States as a soldier likewise resided in the place aforesaid when he left the service.

That he has no documentary evidence and that he knows of no person, whose testimony he can procure, who can testify to his services.

That he was born in the year 1766; in the Town of Reading in the County of Hunter and State of New Jersey, he went from thence to the Town of Florida in the County of Montgomery and State of New York, thence to Duanesburgh in the County of Albany now Schenectady and State aforesaid—where he first entered the service.

That since the Revolutionary War he first went to Sharon in the County of Schoharie and State of New York, thence to the Town of Exeter in the County of Otsego, and State aforesaid, thence to the Town of Nelson in Madison County, Thence to Cazenovia in the same County and State aforesaid.—Thence moved to the Town of Conhocton in the County of Steuben and State aforesaid, from hence moved to the Town of Groton in the County of Tompkins and Sate of New York from thence he moved to the Town of Dryden in the County of Tompkins and State aforesaid and that he the said Jesse Jones, has resided in each of the above stated places since the Revolutionary War as aforesaid—and that he now resides in the Town of Dryden in the County of Tompkins and Sate of New York.

That he had no record of his age.

That he was called into the service as a volunteer.

That he received a discharge from the Service at Fort Edward for three months on the first of September 1780; forgotten by whom likewise he received a discharge at fort Herkimer the first of January in year 1782 forgotten by whom. That his discharges are both lost; that he the said Jesse Jones wife destroyed his discharges together with other papers when she was insane, that she was mortally deranged for years after the war.

That he is known in his present neighborhood by Silas Stone, Josiah Rice, Parley Whitman, who can testify to his character for veracity and their belief of his services as a soldier of the Revolution.

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) Jessie Jones.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year first above written. Saml. Love, Clerk, State of New York Tompkins County.