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JESSE SOPER 2nd
Clinton Co. New York

Evidence of service required

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May 15, 1833

J. D. WOODWARD
Plattsburgh, NY

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Brief in the case of **JESSE SOPER** of Clinton county in the state of New York

Act 7th June, 1832

1. WAS THE DECLARATION MADE BEFORE A COURT OR A JUDGE? Open court
2. IF BEFORE A JUDGE, DOES IT APPEAR THAT THE APPLICANT IS DISABLED BY BODILY INFIRMITY?
3. HOW OLD IS HE? 80 years
4. STAYED HIS SERVICE, AS DIRECTED IN THE FORM ANNEXED.

PERIOD	DURATION OF SERVICE			RANK	NAMES OF GENERAL AND
	YEARS	MONTHS	DAYS		
Spring in 1775	1			Private	Capt. PLATT
1776		5			Col. POTTER
Spring in 1777	1			Marina	Capt. ROGERS Lt. TIFFANY , whale boats

5. WHAT BATTLES WAS HE ENGAGED? None
6. WHERE DID HE RESIDE WHEN HE ENTERED THE SERVICE? Suffolk County New York
7. IS HIS STATEMENT SUPPORTED BY LIVING WITNESSES, BY DOCUMENTARY PROOF, BY TRADITION AREA EVIDENCE, BY INCIDENTAL EVIDENCE, OR BY THE RULES?
Traditionary
8. ARE THE PAPERS DEFECTIVE AS TO FORM OR AUTHENTICATION?IF SO, IN WHAT RESPECT?
Correct

Certify that the foregoing statement any answers agree with the evidence in the case above-mentioned.

RICHARD CUTTS
Examining Clerk

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JESSE SOPER

Rev. Pension Papers

Address **J. D. WOODWARD**, Plattsburgh, NY

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War, Rev, Pension, **JESSE SOPER, R9935**

State of New York
County of Clinton

JESSE SOPER of Plattsburgh, Clinton County, aged 80 years, in addition to his declaration, made before the Court of Common Pleas of said County on the 4th day of October 1832, being duly sworn says that from the spring of the year 1775 to the spring of the year 1776, one year, deponent was an actual service in Captain **NATHANIEL PLATT**'s company, Colonel **POTTER**'s regiment of New York militia stated by deponent in his said declaration.

Deponent further says that said **NATHANIEL PLATT**'s company was an embodied corps, and called into service by competent authority and that during said year deponent served in guarding the coast from Huntington, New York, to East Hampton, New York, except that during the winter our company lodged in different buildings in Smithtown, New York, but our company met everyday for military duty.

In the spring, summer, and fall of said year, when the weather was not too cold, our company encamped out, some in tents, others in huts. Deponent was First Corporal in said company from the time he entered until he left said company and served as such Corporal, and during said year, was engaged in no civil pursuit but devoted his whole time to service and said company. We kept regular sentinels out during the year, except the winter when it was unnecessary, but our company met daily during the winter, unless my stopping to perform military duty and exercise. We drew our provisions weekly during the whole time I was in service as aforesaid.

I served five months as a private in Captain **JOSHUA ROGERS** Company, Colonel **THOMAS WEEKS** Regiment of New York State troops as in my said declaration. I actually served as pilot under Lt. **TIFFANY** from the month of ??? May 1777 to the month of December 1777, 7 months during the winter our boats were laid up, and I was discharged at Norwalk Connecticut by Lt. **TIFFANY** in December 1777.

I was mistaken when I said my declaration that I served the whole of 1777 and was discharged in the spring of 1778. For one year service as a Corporal, for five months as a private and for 7 months as a pilot during the revolution I claim as pension.

JESSE SOPER

Sworn and subscribed before me this 14th day of June 1833 and I certify that deponent is a credible person and Witness.

PETER J. ROBERTS
Justice of the Peace

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State of New York
County of Clinton

LEVI SOPER, aged thirty years, a resident of said town and son of **JESSE SOPER**, being duly sworn says that he has read over the foregoing affidavit of **JESSE SOPER** and that the statements therein and within contained agree substantially with those which deponent has frequently heard him make within 15 years passed and opponent barely believes that said **JESSE SOPER** did perform two years and more of actual service during the Revolutionary War and this belief is founded upon statements which said **JESSE** made more than 10 years ago.

LEVI SOPER

Sworn and subscribed to before me this 14th day of June 1833 and I certify that deponent is a credible person and Witness.

PETER J. ROBERTS
Justice of the Peace

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State of New York
County of Clinton

DANIEL PLATT, a resident of Plattsburgh in said County, aged 76 years, being duly sworn says that **NATHANIEL PLATT**, a captain of New York State militia in Colonel **POTTER**'s regiment during the Revolutionary War, was a brother of deponent and deponent understood at the time that **JESSE SOPER** a resident of Plattsburgh, applicant for a pension, was a private and said **NATHANIEL PLATT**'s company and served as such in said company. That as deponent understood at the time, company was employed and engaged from the spring of the year 1775 to the spring of the year 1776 in guarding the Coast from Huntington, New York, to East Hampton, New York.

Deponent further says that he has been acquainted with said **JESSE SOPER** since the Revolution and frequently conversed with him relative to his service in the Revolutionary War, and the statements which said **JESSE SOPER** now makes of his service are the same which he has frequently made to deponent within 50 years past.

Deponent verily believes that said **JESSE SOPER** did actually serve two years as he States and further sayeth not.

DANIEL PLATT

Sworn to and subscribed 2 before me this 21st day of June 1833 and I certify that deponent is a credible person and Witness.

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State of New York
County of Clinton

I, the subscriber Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas of said County and of said County do hereby certify and make known that **PETER J. ROBERTS** before whom the annexed affidavits of **JESSE SOPER, LEVI SOPER** were subsequently taken and sworn on the 14th day of June instant and before whom the with an affidavit of **DANIEL PLATT** was taken and sworn on the 21st day of June instant, was, at the times, a Justice of the Peace of the city, county residing in Plattsburgh and that his signatures to the jurat of each affidavit are in his own genuine handwriting, I being well acquainted with it.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and official seal and attached these three affidavits to the original pension papers of **JESSE SOPER**, by a piece of red tape which passes under my official seal, done at Plattsburgh this 21st day of June 1833.

NATHAN TAYLOR, Clerk

War, Rev, Pension, **JESSE SOPER, R9935**

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

State of New York
Clinton County

On this 4th day of October 1832 personally appeared, in open court before the judges of the Court of Common Pleas at the county of Clinton, now sitting, **JESSE SOPER**, a resident of Plattsburgh in the said County as state and State, aged 80 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 officers and served as herein stated.

I was born in the 14th of August 1752 at Huntington, Suffolk County, New York I have a record of my age in my Bible, which I took from my father's Bible more than 40 years ago, which record I have recently referred to.

I resided in Huntington, Suffolk County New York and enlisted in the spring of 1775 at that place for one year as a volunteer into Captain **NATHANIEL PLATT**'s Company of New York militia, Lt. **PHILLIPS**, Colonel **POTTER**'s regiment. Marched from to Smithtown adjoining Huntington and was stationed at the place and was employed in guarding the coast from East Hampton to Huntington New York. I went to East Hampton to drive the British off Gardiner's Island, but they had left it before our army arrived there. I actually served in said company at Smithtown Huntington and about there for one year when I was discharged in the spring of 1776 at Huntington New York. The company to which I belong I was raised by the Town of Huntington and Smithtown New York. **DANIEL BLATCHLEY, DAVID CARL, JOSEPH SCRIBNER, ZEBULON SMITH**, Sergt. and others whose names I cannot remember served with me and said company. The whole company was dismissed at the same time I was. I received no written discharge.

I resided in Huntington after my time was out, about a month, and then in the same spring, I think I was discharged from Captain **PLATT**'s company in April or May 1776, I enlisted as a volunteer in Captain **JOSHUA ROGERS** Company, don't recollect Colonel's name, he was a Dutchman, or the names of the other officers **ABEL CROOK** was a Sergt. New York State troops and went to Cow Harbor and then embarked on board of a Sloop with our whole company and sailed to New York City and was stationed in Broad Street a while and then marched to Greenwich New York where we remained until the British frigates **ROSE & PHOENIX** and three tenders went up the North River as far as Tappan Bay. Our men sent up five ships and set the British vessels on fire about two weeks after the set British frigates went up to Tappan Bay.

I had my ankle broke at Greenwich and about a week before our troops evacuated New York I received a furlough from our Colonel giving me permission to leave the service. This was, I think, about the 1st of October 1776.

I according went to Norwalk Connecticut having served and said Captain **ROGERS** Company for more than 5 months remained at Norwalk Connecticut until the spring of 1777 by which time my ankle got well.

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I then enlisted at that place under Lt. **TIFFANY** as a mariner and entered on board of one of 3 whale boats commanded by said **TIFFANY**. Each boat had 10 men and I served under said **TIFFANY** one year and was dismissed by him at Norwalk in the spring of 1778. Lt. **TIFFANY** was a continental officer and was detached to the duty of commanding the said company of, I do not know of what regiment he belonged. We were engaged in reconnoitering the enemy and ascertaining their movements. I had no written discharge. I acted as pilot on board of one boat.

After I left the service I resided in Huntington until 1788 when I removed to Plattsburgh, New York, which is where I have ever since resided and where I now reside.

I never was a substitute and never was drafted.

The names of persons to whom I am known in my present neighborhood and who can testify to my character for veracity and their belief of my services as a soldier of the Revolution AR **JACOB MOORE, JOHN ROBERTS, DANIEL HILLYARD, HENRY PURDAY, LEVI SOPER, HENRY BULLIS, EZRA TURNER, HIRAM BIGELOW** and others.

I have no documentary evidence and no of no person whose testimony I can procure who can testify to my serve.

I hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declare that my name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state.

JESSE SOPER

Sworn and subscribed the day and your aforesaid in open court before me.

GEORGE M. BECKWORTH acting Clerk of Clinton County Court of pleas

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State of New York
Clinton County

We **JOSIAH WILCOX**, a clergyman residing in the town of Plattsburgh in said County, and **LEVI SOPER**, residing in the same town and county, do hereby certify that we are well acquainted with **JESSE SOPER** who has subscribed and sworn to the above declaration that we believe him to be 80 years of age; that he is reputed and believed in the neighborhood where he resides to have been a soldier of the Revolution; and we concur in that opinion.

LEVI SOPER
JOSHUA WILCOX

Sworn and subscribed the day and year of four said in open court before me.

GEORGE M. BECKWORTH, acting Clerk of Clinton Court of pleas.

And the said court do hereby declare their opinion, after the investigation of the matter, and after putting the interrogatories prescribed by the war department that the above-named applicant was a Revolutionary Soldier and served as he stated and the court further certifies that it appears to them that **JOSIAH WILCOX** is a clergyman resident in the town of Plattsburgh New York and that **LEVI SOPER** who has also signed the same as a resident in the same town and is a credible person and that their statement is entitled to credit.

I, **GEORGE M. BECKWORTH**, acting Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas of the county of Clinton to hereby testify that the foregoing contains an original proceeding of the said Court in the matter of the application of **JESSE SOPER** for a pension.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal of office this 4th day of October 1832.

GEORGE M. BECKWORTH, acting Clerk of Clinton County

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In reply to your request of _____, received _____, for a statement of the military history of **JESSE SOPER** a soldier of the Revolutionary War you will find below the desired information as contained in his application for pension on file in this Bureau

DATES OF ENLISTMENT OR APPOINTMENT	LENGTH OF SERVICE	RANK	OFFICERS UNDER WHOM SERVICE WAS RENDERED		STATE
			CAPTAIN	COLONEL	
Spring 1775	1 year	1st Corpl	NATHANIEL Platt	POTTER	
abt. May 1776	5 months	Priv	JOSHUA ROGERS	THOMAS WEEKS	
Sprint 1777	7 months	Pilot	Lt. TIFFANY's whale boat service		

BATTLES ENGAGED IN:

RESIDENCE OF SOLDIER AT ENLISTMENT: Huntington, New York

DATE OF APPLICATION FOR PENSION: Oct. 4, 1832

RESIDENCE AT DATE OF APPLICATION: Plattsburgh, Clinton Co., New York

AGE AT DATE OF APPLICATION: b. August 14, 1752 at Huntington, Suffolk Co., NY

REMARKS: Claim was never allowed for the reason that claimant failed to furnish satisfactory proof of service as alleged. 1833 son **LEVI SOPER** at 30 years testified in the case.

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Suspended Act 7 January 1832

Letter 15 OCT 1833

to

J. D. WOODWARD

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Department of the Interior

Bureau of Pensions

Briefed by: _____

Claim No: _____

Certificate No: _____

Claimant _____

Soldier: **JESSE SOPER**

Service: N. Y.

Additional Service: Rev.

No ____ claim, State records ____, 191__

No claim, combination records ____, 191__

REMARKS:

No Inv.

Try: Wid. F. 593

No other wid.

Rej. No 9935 (N. Y. Res.)

No other rej.

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1910 Aug. 18 History to J. R. PAWLING, M. D.
letter in R. File 8355 TRUMAN PORTER.

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