

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of George Zimmerman [Zimmermon] R11991

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State of New York Ontario County: SS

On this thirty first day of October 1832 personally appeared before David McNeil one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas for said County George Zimmerman a resident of Phelps in the County of Ontario and State of New York – aged Eighty Seven years, who 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.

He enlisted about the 1st of January 1777 a private in Capt. Lewis Kemp's Company of Maryland minute man in Col. Baker Johnson's Regiment – resided at this time in Fredericktown County of Frederick and State of Maryland – during this year he served at one time in said Company about Four months during which term he was in the Battle at Quibbletown (so-called) in the State of New Jersey. From the time of his enlistment until the close of the war, he was in the minute service and bound to military service under different Commanders. The names of some of which were Capt. Kemp under whom he first enlisted, afterwards under Capt. Troutman, Capt. Po and some others their names he does not recollect, consuming almost the whole of his time, a great part of his time was spent in guarding Prisoners at Fort Frederick – during the War he was out a number of times against the Indians, at Green Brier [Greenbrier] in the State of Virginia, and at different places in the State of Maryland, had a number of severe skirmishes with them – He was in Capt. Troutman's Company in the year 1781 and marched from Fredericktown in pursuit of Cornwallis, and his Army, marched as far as Rappahannock River in the State of Virginia, when we were met by the light horse, who informed him that the work was done, Cornwallis had surrendered [October 19, 1781]. He then returned home, immediately after which he assisted in moving Gen. Burgoyne's prisoners to Fort Frederick, and in guarding them and the prisoners of Cornwallis' Army until the close of the War – That he has no documentary evidence nor knows of no person whose testimony he can procure, who can testify to his service, but is well acquainted with George Zimmerman Junior and Isaac M Norton who reside in his neighborhood and who will testify to his character for veracity and their belief of his having served in the Revolutionary [war], that herewith annexed is also the oath of Allegiance &c before John Haas in the year 1778 after the first of the year of this Service – He was born in the year 1745 in the County of Philadelphia in the State of Pennsylvania – After the war he resided in Frederick County Maryland until about the year 1802 when he removed to Phelps, County of Ontario & State of New York where he has since resided – that he knows his age to be Eighty Seven Years from a record kept in his family Bible. That on account of old age and bodily

infirmity, he is not able to attend court of record for the purpose of making his Declaration.

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.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid

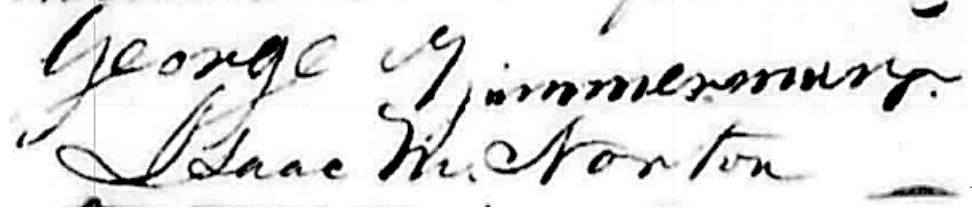
S/ David McNeil, Judge of the County Court

S/ George Zimmermon [sic]

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A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "George Zimmermon". The handwriting is cursive and somewhat stylized.

[George Zimmerman Junior and Isaac M Norton gave the standard supporting affidavit.

Two handwritten signatures in black ink. The top signature reads "George Zimmerman Junior" and the bottom signature reads "Isaac M. Norton". Both are in cursive.

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State of New York Ontario County: SS

Personally appeared before me the undersigned a Justice of the Peace for said Court George Zimmerman, who being duly sworn deposed and saith that by reason of old age and the consequent loss of memory, he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his service, but according to the best of his recollection, he served not less than the periods mentioned below and in the following grades

1st In the year 1777 I served a private & Minuteman 4 months in Capt. Kemp's Company of Maryland Militia

2nd In the year 1777 I served an orderly Sgt. from 1st January 2 1st May – 15 days in Capt. Troutman's Company of Maryland Militia from 1st to 15th of May

3rd In the year 1777 I served an orderly Sgt. 3 months in Capt. Kemp's Company of Maryland Militia

4th In the year 1777 I served an orderly Sgt. 2 months in Capt. Troutman's Company of Maryland Militia

5th In the year 1778 I served an orderly Sgt. 4 months in Capt. Kemp's Company of Maryland Militia

6th In the year 1778 I served an orderly Sgt. 2 months in Capt. Troutman's company of Maryland

7th In the year 1779 I served an orderly Sgt. 3 months & 15 days in Capt. Kemp's Company of Maryland Militia

8th in the year 1779 I served an orderly Sgt. 2 months and 15 days in Capt. Troutman's Company of Maryland Militia

9th In the year 1780 I served an orderly Sgt. 4 months in Capt. Kemp's Company of Maryland Militia

10th In the year 1780 I served an orderly Sgt. 2 months in Capt. Troutman's Company of Maryland Militia

11th In the year 1781 I served an orderly Sgt. 5 months in Capt. Kemp's Company of Maryland Militia

12th In the year 1781 I served an orderly Sgt. 2 months in Capt. Troutman's Company of Maryland Militia

13th In the year 1782 I served an orderly Sgt. 4 months in Capt. Kemp's Company of Maryland Militia

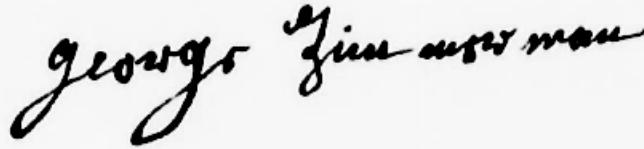
14th In the year 1782 I served an orderly Sgt. 2 months in Capt. Troutman's Company of Maryland Militia

15th In the year 1782 I served an orderly Sgt. 15 days in Capt. Po Company of Maryland militia And for such service I claim a pension – These services above claimed were all performed in Capt. Baker Johnson Regiment and my whole service were performed with an embodied Corps called into service by Competent Authority, and for the time during which the service was performed I was not employed in any Civil pursuit. The reason of my not obtaining a certificate from a clergyman to my Declaration here unto annexed was in consequence of no one residing near him.

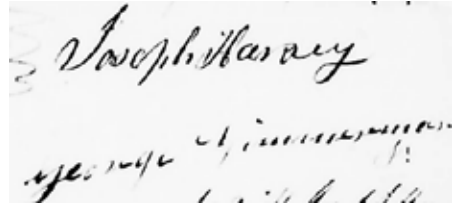
Sworn to and subscribed before me this 12th day of June 1833

S/ Thomas Smith

S/ George Zimmerman

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "George Zimmerman". The signature is written in black ink on a light-colored background.

[p 21: another supporting affidavit, this one dated June 30, 1835 and given in Ontario County New York by Joseph Harvey a clergyman and George Zimmerman, Junior

Two handwritten signatures in cursive script. The top signature reads "Joseph Harvey" and the bottom signature reads "George Zimmerman, Junior". Both are written in black ink on a light-colored background.

[p 10: On May 26, 1835 in Wayne County New York, Margaret Learn, aged about 64, gave testimony that she is the daughter of and is well acquainted with George Zimmerman formerly of Frederick Town in Frederick County Maryland but who now lives in Phelps in the County of Ontario, New York; that her father is aged about 88 or 89 years; that she well recollects her father leaving his family to serve as a soldier. She signed her affidavit with her mark.]

[p 15: Appears to be the oath of allegiance referred to by the veteran in his declaration but the image is too faint to discern.]