

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of Joachan (Joacham) Wicoff W4401 Hannah Wicoff NJ
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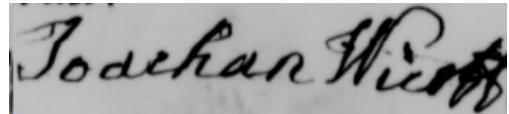
State of Virginia } Ss
County of Brooke }

On this twenty seventh day of August 1832 personally appeared in open court, before the Justices of the county court of Brooke, in the State of Virginia, now sitting, Joacum Wycoff, resident in the same county and state, aged eighty two years past, 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.

Declarant lived in New Jersey, in Huntington county [sic: Hunterdon County], at a place called the White house, more than thirty miles from New York. From the time the British got possession of New York [November 1776], until near the close of the American War, declarant was very often called on to perform militia duty. In the year 1776 was first drafted (then enrolled in Capt. Stilwell's [Stillwell's] company) to serve, and did serve one month under the said Captain, at Elizabeth town in N. Jersey, engaged in protecting the property and defending the inhabitants; at the expiration of which time returned and remained at home one month; and then was drafted to serve another month at Elizabeth town, and so on alternately month about, one month on duty, and one month at home, for the term of six months. When the British arrived at Brunswick [1Dec 1776], the American troops left Elizabeth town and were stationed on the Raritan river, between four & five miles below its forks, at a place called Tennison's Tavern. After having served as above stated, three months out of six, Declarant served as a drafted Militia man for about three years, at the rate of one month on duty, and two months at home; that is in the year 1777 8 & 9 he served one year as a drafted militia man. In the spring of the year 1780 removed from Huntington to Somerset county, in the same state of New Jersey, and in that year and in the year 1781 Declarant served at different times in these years, as a drafted militia man, at least three months. Besides the regular drafted service above stated to have been done by Declarant, he was often called upon, and performed Militia duty of several days at a time, within the periods above mentioned; in all of which Declarant is confident that he served in the army of the United States, as a drafted Militia man, in the War of the revolution, at least eighteen months.

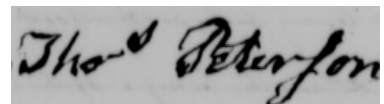
And that he has no documentary evidence of his service. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity, except he present, and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.



Also on the same day and before the said court personally appeared Thomas Peterson [pension application S5899], aged seventy six years past, a resident of the county of Brooke aforesaid, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth, on his oath declare, that he is personally acquainted with the above named declarant, Joacum Wycoff, and has been so acquainted for upwards of sixty years. That at the time the British had possession of Brunswick, and after the battle of Long Island [27 Aug 1776], deponent saw the said Declarant whilst he, declarant was performing militia duty in the Army of the United States, in the county of Somerset in the state of New Jersey, and that from Deponents own knowledge, and from the general conversation in the neighbourhood in which Deponent and Declarant resided in the State of New Jersey; this deponent verily believes that the said Declarant, Joacum Wycoff performed duty as a drafted militia man in the Army of the United States, for at least the term of service above stated.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.



[On 3 Dec 1832 Joacham Wicoff was issued a certificate for a pension of \$60 per year for 18 months service. The following report is by US District Attorney Washington G. Singleton who investigated hundreds of pension applications from present West Virginia. For details see my appendix to the pension application of David W. Sleeth S6111.]

Joachan Wycoff,

I called on this old gentleman on the 11th July 1835, but was unable to procure from him any information on the subject of his Revolutionary services – his mind is gone. Several gentlemen of respectability say that Wycoff has always sustained a good character. W G Singleton

NOTES:

On 13 Feb 1854 Nancy Moore, 59, of Hancock County VA, applied for a pension in the name of her mother, Hannah Wicoff, who died on 23 Oct 1844, the widow of Joacham Wicoff, who died on 18 May 1841. Nancy Moore stated that her parents were also survived by her brother and a sister, but she did not know if they were still living. On 8 May 1854 William Scott and Joseph Moore certified that the surviving children of Joacham and Hannah Wicoff were Cornelius Wycoff, Hannah Durham, and Nancy Moore. The file includes the family record transcribed below, which was certified by William Flanegin of Hancock County VA as being from family Bibles owned by Nancy Moore. One of the Bibles was said to have been in Dutch.

Somerset County New Jersey

Joacham Wicoff was born November 18th 1749

Hannah Yerks was born March 15th 1755

Joacham Wicoff & Hannah Yerks was married February 26th 1772 by the Reverend John Light Minister of the gospel at six mile run & New Brunswick New Jersey

Peter Wicoff was Born Febuary 26th 1775

Cratharine Wicoff was Born November 30th 1776

James Wicoff was Born November 28th 1778

Hanah Wicoff was Born July 19th 1781

John Wicoff was Born may 20th 1783

Marry Wicoff was Born october the 8th 1785

Corneales Wicoff was Born December 16th 1787

Hanary Wicoff was Born April the 30th 1790

Saley Wicoff was Born May the 11th 1792

Agnas Wicoff was Born agoust the 22th 1794

Salley Wicoff was Born July the 31th 1796

Abraham Wicoff was Born March the 27th 1799

Isaac Wicoff was Bornjuly the 7th 1802

November 18

Joacham Wicoff Was Born in the year of our Lord 1749

hannah Wicoff Was Born in the year of our Lord 1755

March the 15

MARRIAGES.

Robert Moore & Nancy Wicoff was Married January 1st 1811

Thomas Moore father of Robert Moor was born February 27th 1749 and

Departed this life June 5th 1821 Aged 72 years 3 months & 9 days

Rachel Moore wife of Thomas Moore was born March 1755 and

Departed this life Dec'r 16th 1823 Aged 68 years and 9 months

Joacham Wicoff father of Nancy Moore was born Nov'r. 18th 1749 and

Departed this life May 18th 1841 aged 91 years and 6 months

Hannah wife of Joacham Wicoff was born March 15th 1755 and

departed this life October 23^d 1844 Aged 89 years 7 months & 8 days

Joseph Moore & Mary J Miller was married March 1851

Henry Moore & Mary ann Dichl was Married Sept 4th 1846

Anna Moore & William Henderson was Married June [illegible] 1841

John Moore & Ann Eliz White was Married April 27th 1847

[One illegible entry]

[illegible] Moore & Joseph [illegible] was married March 5th 1848[?]

James Moore & Margaret Ann Brewton[?] was Married 1850