

*Transcript of Military Service Narrative*  
*Richard Jaqua,*  
*War of 1812*

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**Transcript follows:**

State of ohio, Seneca County p[?].

On this 20th day of April A.D. 1871 personally appeared before me, Jacob C. Milheim Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas, a court of Records for and within the said Seneca County and state of Ohio. Richard Jaqua, aged Eighty four years on the 9th day of April A.D. 1871, a resident of Seneca County and state of Ohio, who being by me duly sworn according to law, affirms and says, that he is married, that his wife's name was Elizabeth Wiltza, near Brockville, then upper Canada, on the 11th day of October in the year of Our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and nine (A.D. 1809), that in the 1st day of January A.D.1813, you declarant came to the united states to make his permanent home. That Declarant was born in Columbia County, New York state, and was then taken by his father to Canada, where he remained until his return in January 1813.

That in May A.D. 1814 he was enrolled as a member of a Company of Minute Men, under command of Capt Ellis, That at this time declarant lived at Ellisburgh, New York.

That said Company under said Captain, was under the Commandant at Sacketts Harbor, and formed a part of a regiment of Minute Men under the command of Col Barney. That declarant has forgotten the name of the Company or letter, or the number [end of page 1] or designation of the Regiment, that the Commandant at Sackets harbor was General Brown.

That he is the identical Richard Jaqua who served in said Company as aforesaid— That during his connection with said Company he performed the following actual service in the united states in said war.

That one Wolsey, who had command of a fleet belonging to the United states, had put into the mouth of Sandy Creek and the brittish following after him That vicinity [?], declarant was order to come to the assistance of the said Wolsey and save the property of the United states. that he thereupon when to the assistance of said Wolsey&mdash;and served during the whole of that day, that the Brittesh attacked the United states forces, and were repulsed and taken prisoners&mdash;that during the fighting, this declarant was guarding the property of the united States, consisting in part of a cable, for a seventy four , clien[?] building at sacketts harbor, That declarant helped to bury the dead on the field of battle.

That in June declarant was ordered into active service, and went with the Company to Sacketts Harbor, N.Y. that after declarant had been there one day, he was taken sick and by leave of the Capt. was permitted to return home, and continued sick about two or three weeks. Before which time the company returned&mdash;that declarant received full pay for the whole time the Company were so out about two weeks. [end of pg. 2]

That during that [crossed out] the summer of 1814, he was afterwards called into active service of the united states two or three times and performed service each time a day or two each time&mdash;this declarant cannot state exactly about the length of time as he is now old and infirm.

That he remained in and continued as a member of said Company, and ready and willing at all times to perform active service in said service of the united [] from said May 1814 until the declaration of peace, in 1815.

That in October 1813, General Hampton, who was in Command of the United states forces, then in the neighborhood of Frenches Mills on the St. Lawrence River, desired to send a despatch to General Wilkerson who was then, lying above the Thousand Islands in said River, and this declarant, in connection with one Ezra Brown took said Despatch to said Wilkerson, that the said Despatch ordered said Wilkerson to proceed down the river [?], to join said Hampton at some point. That the channel in said Island was difficult and dangerous to ascertain, and was only known to those who had used the same, and that after he took said Despatch to said Wilkerson and delivered the same to him, That thereupon the said Wilkerson employed this declarant and said Ezra Brown to pilot the fleet, or rather the said Wilkerson&rsquo;s Command on board of boats, through the said Thousand Islands. That the time this declarant was so em-[end of pg 3] ployed in carrying said despatch and piloting said fleet, was about four weeks, as near as declarant can now state-- That he served the full term of sixty days in the actual military service of united states, in the said war of 1812.

That he served in said Company as aforesaid until the treaty of peace, When remained away from his said residence and never received any certificate of discharge from said serviced&mdash;and never saw his said Captain after

that time, that he did not demand any certificate of discharge, because he then thought the same was not important as the war had closed, That he afterwards made an application for a land warrant, to the pension office of the united states, on account of and for said services and received therefore an land warrant for one hundred and sixty acres of land.

That he, at no time during the late rebellion against the authority of the united states &ndash; adhered to the cause of the enemies of the Government, provi[d]ing him aid or comfort, or exercise the functions of any office whatever under any authority or pretended authority, in hostility to the united states, and that he will support the Constitution of the United States, that he is not in receipt of a pension under any previous act, that he makes this declaration for the purposes of being placed on the pension roll of the united states, under [end of pg. 4] the provision of the act approved February 14, 1871, and he hereby constitutes, and appoints with full power of substitution and revocation, N.L. Brence [?] of Tiffin ohio, his true and lawful attorney to prosecute his claim and obtain the pension certification that may be issued, that his post office is at Melmore County of Seneca and state of ohio, that his domicile or place of abode is Eden Township, Seneca County, ohio.

[signed] Richard Jaqua

Also personally appeared Martin J. Spitler and Samuel shade, both of Seneca County ohio persons whom I certify to be respectable and entitled to credit and who by me duly sworn, say, that they were present and saw Richard Jaqua, the claimant sign his name to the foregoing declaration, that they have every reason to believe, from the appearance of said clamant and their acquaintance with him that he is the identical person he represents himself to be, that at no time during the late rebellion against the authority of the united states did he adhere to the cause of the enemies of the Government giving them aid or comfort and that the[y] have no interest in the prosecution of this claim.

[signed] M.J.Spitler

Samuel Shade

above was subscribed before me this 20th day of [end of pg. 5] April A.D. 1871, and I hereby certify that the contents of the above declaration and affidavits were fully made known to the applicant and witnesses before swearing, including the words Wiltza, and upper [] and [] and that I have no interests&mdash;direct or indirect&mdash;[]the prosecution of this claim.

In testimony whereof witness my hand and seal of said Court the day and year aforesaid&mdash;

[signed] J.C. Millhime cl[]

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