

## **Pension Application for Andrew Blanchard**

R.920

Continental Service

Oneida County SS.

On this 12<sup>th</sup> day of December 1828, personally appeared in the Court, General Session of the Peace in & for the County of Oneida being a Court of Record, Andrew Blanchard of Kirkland in said County aged 74 years & upwards, who being first duly sworn according to Law, doth on his oath, make the following declaration;, in order to obtain the provision made by the acts of Congress of the 18<sup>th</sup> March 1818 and the first of May 1820.

That he the said Andrew Blanchard enlisted in December 1776 in Captain Jedediah Thayers Company of Carpenters in the Corps of Artificers under the Command of Colonel Jeduthan Baldwin as Chief of the Engineer Department of the North, and that he continued to serve in said Corps until the last of the year 1778, after serving two years he was discharged from service at West Point in the State of New York.

That he received an appointment as Quarter Master to the Artificers in the Engineer Department of which Col. Jeduthan Baldwin is Chief, from Maj. General Horatio Gates Dated Albany 8<sup>th</sup> December 1777, which is hereto annexed, and he also refers to the affidavit of Lieut Benjamin Frye of Salem Mass, as to his service.

That he hereby relinquishes every claim to a pension, except the present, that his name is not on the pension Rol, and that he did not sooner make application for a pension, because hitherto been enabled to support himself from the little land which he owns, but from his advanced age & infirmities & also that of his wife & from long & continued sickness in his family he has accumulated so many debts that he can no longer support himself and in pursuance of the Act of the 1<sup>st</sup> May 1820.

I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818, and that I have not since that tie, by gift sale or in any manner, disposed of my property, or any part thereof, with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions of an Act of Congress, entitled "An act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War" passed on the 18<sup>th</sup> March 1818, and that I have not, nor has any person in trust for me, nor have I any income, other than what is contained in the Schedule hereto annexed, and by me subscribed.

That since the 18<sup>th</sup> of March 1818, the following changes have been made in my property. That he has had no other property since 1818 than what is contained in the schedule annexed except personal property, which has been disposed of to support the expenses of the family except that in 1820 he purchased acres of Swamp land for \$36—which he subsequently sold for \$54.00. That as wil appear from his Inventory he has Twenty seven acres of land only worth \$540 and that the whole amount of his Inventory except his bedding & wearing apparel is little more than his bona fide debts.

That he is no old & infirm, his wife is 67 years of age, now confined to her bed by sickness & has been on a decline for more than a year that he has but one child living with him, a daughter 38 years of age who is quite feeble.

Inventory of Property & list of debts of Andrew Blanchard.

27 acres of land \$20--\$540.

Old Mare & Colt 50.

3 Cows 45.

3 calves 15.

13 sheep 13.

300 Wt Pork 12.

10 bushels Corn 3.75

4 bblb cider 2.25

10 bushels Potatoes 1.88

Old waggon 3.20

Cart Wheels \$4.00 Scythe & Sickle 5.00

Axe .75

12 charis 4.50

Rocking Chair. 1.

Iron ware 10.12

Stove & Tin ware 5.

Wooden & earthen 4.50

2 Tables 2.50

Chest .75

Stove \$20 Loom \$4 24.00

Brass Kettle 3.

Knives & forks a few & necessary bed, bedding & clothing

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\$748.00

And I owe.

State of New York \$83 for which there is a bond & mortgage on my land.

One Gidley Clinton 60.

Jesse Curtiss Clinton 9.

John Kirkland Clinton 9.

Step;hen Blanchard Clinton 61.

John Williams 5.

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Sedate Blanchard Clinton 487.

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\$725. (Signed) Andrew Blanchard.

Sworn in open court before me 12 December 1828. James Dean Judge Oneida County Courts.