

Pension Application for Walter Boyles

S.12255

State of New York

County of Orange SS.

On this fourth day of December in the year one thousand eight hundred and thirty two— personally appeared in open court before the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in and for the County of Orange being a court of record, now sitting Walter Boyles a resident of the town of Goshen in the County of Orange and State of New York aforementioned aged 69 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 into the service of the United States in the year 1781 in the summer as a substitute one Watkins—the Christian name not now recollected—in a company commanded by Captain Gardinier of the Militia, and Lieutenant VanWyck—

Deponent resided at Minisink in the County of Orange joined the company at Newburgh on the North River.—

Went from there to Fishkill where we joined the regiment commanded by Colonel Wisenfelt [?] or Logan & Captain Dodge was there and also Captain Henry Brewster.

Deponent's company and some others went to West Point—where we got on board of a Slop and went to Albany—Thence to Schenectady—Then to Johnstown—Then to Fort Hunter a few miles below Johnstown, then to Saratoga—Then to Schuyler's Mills where we built a block house—That he was then dismissed and returned home to the town of Minisink aforementioned having served out his enlistment of four months.—

And this deponent further saith that in the year 1782, on the first day of April he again enlisted in the nine months service, under Captain Abraham Westfall – and was ordered to the Frontiers at Peenpack to protect the inhabitants from the incursions of the Indians—That Colonel Wisenfell was in command at Peenpack—and that he was appointed by Colonel Wisenfell as an Express—being in the possession of a good horse—that he was frequently out from Peenpack to the Kingston and to many other stations on the frontier—

There were no Continental troops at Peenpack no officers of the standing army—that he served out the whole term of his enlistment and was discharged the day after Christmas and returned home—that he received a written discharge signed by Colonel Wisenfell but that it is now lost.—

1st That he was born in Scotland in the year 1763.

2d That he had a record of his age but cannot now tell where it is—

3d That he lived at Minisink when called into service—that he resided there about two years after the war—that since that time he has been a resident of Goshen in the said County of Orange.

4th That he was a volunteer.

5th That he is known to George D. Wickham, Asa Dunning and Samuel I. Wilkins who reside in his neighborhood and who can testify as to his veracity and their belief of his services as a soldier of the Revolution.

6th That he has no documentary evidence.

7th That James Sidway was in the service with this deponent and can testify as to some of his services—and that he knows of no other person whose testimony he can procure.

And this deponent 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.

And this deponent further saith that he cannot obtain the certificate of a clergyman as required by the rules and regulations of the war Department that he is unacquainted with the clergymen now resident in his neighbourhood. That the clergy who resided in this neighbourhood for many years past,

is now absent, in the State of Georgia—and that he does not know of any Clergyman whose certificate he could obtain. (Signed) Walter Boyles

Sworn in open court, Asa Dunning, Clerk