

Pension Application for Francis Burdick

S.23144

Troy Mayors Court

State of New York

County of Rensselaer SS.

On this third day of September personally appeared in open court before the Recorder of the City of Troy holding a Court of Common Pleas called the Mayor's Court now sitting at the City of Troy Francis Burdick a resident of Troy in the county of Rensselaer and Sate of New York aged sixty eight 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 first entered the service of the Unite States under the following named officers and served as herein stated.

That he this deponent first entered the service of the United States at Fishkill, Dutchess County New York—that he there volunteered his services in the month of May 1780 as a private in a company of continental troops commanded by Captain Daniel Delavan, in a regiment commanded by Colonel Malcom (the names of the subaltern officers this deponent does not remember) for the term of one year, and continued to serve as a private in said company of the said term of one year—that this deponent immediately after joining said company marched with the same from Fishkill to West Point, -- continued at West Point about two weeks and was then detached with one hundred and fifty troops forming three companies under Capt. Delavan Dubois & Bleeker, this deponent being in the company commanded by Captain Delavan that this deponent with his company there marched down the river to a place called kings ferry, there crossed the river, marched to Haverstraw and said troops were then distributed to fill vacancies in a regiment of light infantry commanded by Colonel Philip VanCortland of the New York line—continued at Haverstraw about two weeks when this deponent with his company and said regiment marched to Tappan and continued there several weeks and until after the execution of Major Andre as a spy—from thence marched to a place called the English neighbourhood, was there two weeks when the said regiment was ordered to march & did march to Hackensack in New Jersey, continued there several weeks, from thence marched to a place called Paramus in New Jersey, continued there about three weeks from thence marched to a place called Lotoway in New Jersey and continued there until the beginning of the following winter where the company broke up, after which time this deponent was selected to serve as a waiter to Captain Delavan and returned with him to West Point and did then serve as such waiter until the month of May following when this deponent was dismissed.

And this deponent further says that he was in the actual service of the United States from the said month of May 1780 until the month of May 1781 he again entered the service of the United States as a volunteer and private in a company of militia commanded by Captain Salsbury at Canaan Columbia County New York for the term of nine months in a regiment commanded by Colonel Whiting, that this deponent and his company in the latter part of May or forepart of June 1781 were marched under the command of Lieutenant Ostrander to Saratoga Barracks near Fish Creek and there joined a regiment of Continental troops as this deponent understood & believes commanded by Colonel Marinus Willett and continued there until the close of the campaign in the latter part of December 1781 when this deponent and said company were dismissed having been in actual service during the last said campaign at least seven months—that during this deponent's service at Saratoga Col. Willett after continuing in command about three months marched to the west and this deponent and the company to which he belonged were placed under the command of Colonel GanseVort and continued under his command until the close of the said campaign.

This deponent further says that in the month of March 1782 he again entered the service of the United States as a volunteer for one year in a company of Matross commanded by captain Latham in a

regiment commanded by Colonel McClellan at Fort Griswold in Groton Connecticut that this deponent was appointed second sergeant of the time he joined said company in the month of March aforesaid and served as such second sergeant for the said term of one year and this deponent had a written certificate of such appointment at the time he joined said company in the month of March aforesaid—

Which written certificate having become worn and defaced, this deponent obtained a printed certificate and on the 20th of November 1782 delivered the written one to Colonel McClellan and requested him to sign a printed one which the said Col. McClellan did sign and which is hereunto annexed—and this deponent was in actual service in the last said campaign at Fort Griswold aforesaid from the month of March 1782 until the month of March 1782 the full term of one year during all which time this deponent served a second sergeant in said company.

This deponent further says that the time of his birth is recorded in a family bible which this deponent had of his father—that he has no other documentary evidence but the certificate of Colonel McClellan hereunto annexed, and this deponent never received a written discharge—that he this deponent knows of no person now living who can testify to his services in captain Latham's Company except Sylvester Summers whose affidavit is annexed.

That he knows of no person now living who can testify to his services performed previous to those in captain Latham's Company except General Daniel Delavan who was this deponent's Captain during the whole of this deponents first years service as above stated.

That this deponent in the month of October last past went to Sing Sing in Westchester county New York where the said General Delavan there resided and now resides (as this deponent is informed) for the purpose of procuring his testimony that this deponent found the said General wholly unable to speak intelligibly having then lately had a paralytic shock which deprived him of the power of speaking so as to be understood—and this deponent is therefore unable to give any other or better evidence of his service.

That he this deponent is not acquainted with any clergyman residing in or near the City of Troy whose testimony in behalf of this deponent can be procured.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present & he declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency in any state. (Signed) Francis Burdick

Sworn to & subscribed in open court the day & year aforesaid. Henry R. Bristol, Clerk