

### **Pension Application for Robert Burns or Burnes**

S.44705

State of New York SS.

To the Hon. Richard Riker

Recorder of the City of New York, and one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas, called the Mayor's Court of the City of New York, which is a Court of Record of the State of New York.

The Declaration under Oath of Robert Burns formerly a soldier engaged in the Service of the United States during the Revolutionary War, now a Citizen of the United States and resident of the City and County of New York respectfully sheweth,

That the said Robert Burns sometime in the year 1776 in Captain Marinus Willett's Company in Colo. McDougal's Regiment of the State of New York which was under the Continental Establishment and that I served until the end of that year and immediately inlisted again for three years in Capt. Theodosius Fowler's Company in Colo. Courtland Reg. and shortly after inlisted again for ;and during the war and served to the end thereof fighting against the common enemy and was honorably discharged but my discharge I have lost.

And the declaration further sheweth that the said Robert Burns is now a citizen of the United States, resides in the city of New York and is by reason of his reduced circumstances in life, in need of assistance from his country for support.

Therefore the said Robert Burns conceives himself entitled to the benefit of the Act of the Congress of the United States, entitled, "An Act to provide for certain persons engaged in the Land and Naval Service of the United States in the Revolutionary War," approved 18<sup>th</sup> March, 1818 and requests your Honor will examine into the truth of the matter aforesaid, certify and transmit the testimony in the case, and the proceedings had thereon to the Honorable the Secretary of the Department of War, to the end that such relief may be had in the premises, as is by law in such case made and provided. And in support of the facts above set forth, the said Robert Burns refers to Mirenus [Marinus] Willett who was my Captain a part of the war and afterward a Col. and also that Capt. Theodosius Fowler. (Signed with his mark) Robert Burns

City and County of New York SS, Robert Burns of the City and County of New York, being duly sworn, saith, that the matters by him set forth in the foregoing Declaration, are in all respects just and true. Sworn before me this first day of April 1818. R. Riker, Recorder of the City of New York.