

Pension Application for Thomas Burr

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State of New York

County of Onondaga SS.

On this fourteenth day of February one thousand eight hundred and thirty two personally appeared before Daniel Moseley circuit Judge, Vice Chancellor of the Seventh Circuit of the State of New York at a Court now sitting in the Town of Onondaga, Thomas Burr, a resident of Tully in the county of Onondaga and State of New York aged seventy four years the sixth day of December next, 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 the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated.

The captain under whom he served was John Fleet Captain of the guard as called—Samuel Youngs was captain of the company and Nathaniel Coles was Colonel of the regiment, one John Oatman was Sergeant [Sergeant]. He entered the service the first of May in the year seventeen hundred and seventy eight or nine is not certain which and continued to serve in the following manner for three years. He was enrolled in the malitia [militia] and stood guard two night in each week during the open season of the year and during the winter season was releaved [relieved] from standing guard, but stood in readiness and was liable to go on call at any moment—at the time of being enrolled and entering the service as aforesaid he resided in the town then called Norwich, which he thinks is now called Oysterbay in Queens County on Long Island in the State of New York and that he performed all of his service aforesaid in the town of Oysterbay in Queens county in the State of New York by standing guard on the beach.

He never received any written discharge but was told by his captain that he might go home but must stand in readiness to go at any time on call and he remained in that situation until the end of the war.

He has seen General Washington and General Benedict Arnold but had no particular acquaintance with any of the Continental officers nor soldiers as they all left Long Island before he was called upon to perform military service and did not return again during the time of his service and he has no documentary evidence of his services and that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his services and he 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 states that the manner of his service while on actual duty as a sentinel in guarding the lines as above stated, it was as a soldier, enlisted and not as a minute man and that he performed such actual service for a time at least equal to seven months in the whole and that the rest of the time he stood as a minute Man for and at the close of the war, next he lived in the town of Argyle four years and then moved from there eighteen years ago to Tully in this county and where he has ever since lived. (Signed) Thomas Burr

Sworn the day and year aforesaid. D. Moseley V. Chancellor