

## Pension Application for Thomas Burt

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At a special court held pursuant to the Regulations of the War Department in such case made as provided before the Hon. Grant B. Baldwin first Judge of Tioga County in the State of New York at the dwelling house of Thomas Burt in the Town of Chemung in the said county and by adjournment at the House of John G. McDowell Esquire in the same Town on the second day of October 1832.

State of New York

Tioga County SS.

On this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of October 1832, personally appeared before the Judge before name who is the first Judge of the Court of Common Pleas in and for the county of Tioga and State aforesaid which is a court of record because made so by the Laws and Constitution of the State having by Law a Clerk and Seal, Thomas Burt a resident of the Town of Chemung, County and State aforesaid aged eighty years the twenty sixth day of May last 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 7<sup>th</sup> 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated.

About the first of April 1776 he enlisted in the company of Captain William Blain in the Orange County Militia in the State of New York in the Regiment of Col. Beardslee of Warwick in the same County for the term of nine months and was marched on to Long Island where he remained till after the battle and the retreat of the American Forces which he thinks took place in August in all which he took an active part. He was then at Harlem Heights, Kingsbridge, and White Plains and in the engagements at those places; he was then stationed at New Windsor on the North River where he remained till the expiration of the term and for two months longer; he was then dismissed and returned home about the first of March 1777.

In May following he had to turn out voluntarily or stand a draft; he chose to volunteer in the company of Captain John Wood of Goshen, Orange County aforesaid and in the same Regiment of Col. Beardslee' at this time he volunteered for no definite period but with an understanding that he should continue as long as the exigencies of the service should require. On these conditions he continued thence forward in the service for upwards of five years with the exception of a short recess each winter to go home for a month or two.

At different times during this service he was under the Command of Col. Hathorn who was commissioned a Brigadier Gen. towards the close of the war. His services were divided between the North River and the frontier of Orange County and the Delaware River; he was stationed at Fort Montgomery, at Newburg, New Windsor, Stoney Point, Haverstraw and West Point on the North River at different times; which at Haverstraw he was under the command of Col. Odell; he was stationed at West Point about the time the Treason of Arnold was discovered he thinks was in the year 1780. He was honorably dismissed the [?] in the fall of 1782 by Gen. Hathorn.

He has no documentary evidence of his said services neither does he know of any person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to them.

And in answer to the several interrogatories put to him by the Judge aforesaid he says that he was born in the Town of Warwick, County of Orange and State of New York on the twenty sixth day of May 1752; that he had a record of his age in his bible till within a few years and that he believes some of his children have taken it out to copy into theirs and is not positive where it now is but he has no shadow of doubt but that his age is as above stated.

That when he first entered the service as above stated in the year 1776 he lived in the place of his nativity, Warwick aforesaid. That after the close of the Revolutionary War he continued to live in the same place till he settled at his present residence in Chemung where he has lived upwards of forth three years; that in all his services aforesaid he was a volunteer—

That the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops where he served are Gen. George Clinton, Gen. James Clinton, Gen. Sullivan, Gen. Wayne, Gen. Hathorn, Col. Beardslee, Col. Dubois and Col. Livingston and Col. Odell and their respective Regiments though his recollection in relation to the troops is very indistinct at this late day; but the officers he paid more attention to at the time and are yet fresh in his remembrance.

That he never received any formal discharge from the service and that he would refer to the Hon. John G. McDowell, Asahel Buck, Esqr., Isaac Shepherd, Jacob Lowman, and Jacob Riess, Esquires, all of Chemung aforesaid and who are well acquainted with his reputation for truth and veracity and who can testify to their belief in the truth of the foregoing declaration

He hereby relinquishes every claim, whatever to an annuity or pension except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state. (Signed) Thomas Burt

Sworn to & subscribed the day and year aforesaid. G. B. Baldwin. First Judge Tioga Co.