

Pension Application for Christopher Chilner

S.44756

State of New York

Jefferson County SS.

On this eleventh day of March 1823 personally appeared in open court, being the Court of Common Pleas and a Court of record, by a law of this State for said county, Christopher Chilner of the town of Orleans in said county aged sixty seven years, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provisions made by the Acts of Congress of the 18th March 1818 and 1st May 1820. That he the said Christopher Chilner enlisted into the service of the United States in the Continental Army in Feb. of 1776 under Captain McKeen, col. Nicholson's Regiment New York Line for nine months and served till in November of the same year and was discharged at Johnstown – That he again enlisted for during the war under Captain John Grimes in Col. VanSchaick's Regiment New York Line in the month of March 1777 and was discharged at Snakes Hill near West Point about the 8th June 1783 under Captain Gregg—that he was taken prisoner at Sabbathday Point and carried to Montreal when he was sick—

That he returned from his captivity and joined his regiment in October 1782 at Blanks Point below West Point. That he received a regular discharge at Snake Hill and has lost the same by leaving it some years ago with a man who has moved out of the county and that he has no other evidence of his services in his power than the papers hereto attached.

That he was in no regular Battle but in several skirmishes—That he has a wife aged 60 years and one child living with him, Eliza aged 16 years. That his occupation is that of a Laboring Farmer – that his wife is in feeble health and that he is very infirm.

Schedule. One cow, one pig, 2 sheep, one wooden church, 5 old chairs, one old table, half a dozen knives & forks, half a dozen old iron spoons, 4 old wood pails, 1 iron, pot, 2 iron kettles, ½ doz cups & knives, 4 or 5 plates, 1 old bridle, & one testament. (Signed with his mark) Christopher Chilner.

And in pursuance of the act of the first of May 1820 I do solemnly swear that I was a resident citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift, sale or in any manner disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it or to bring myself within the provisions of an act of Congress entitled an Act to provide for certain persons engaged in the Land and Naval service for the United States in the Revolutionary War" passed the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property or securities, contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income, other than that what is contained in the schedule above inserted and by me subscribed. (Signed with his mark) Christopher Chilner

Sworn and declares in open court this eleventh day of March 1823. H. H. Sherwood, Clerk