

Pension Application for Silas Clapp

S.12505

State of New York

Erie County SS.

On this 12th day of November 1832 personally appeared at Buffalo in said County before the Hon Judge Stryker one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in said County, Silas Clapp a resident of Buffalo in the County of Erie aforesaid aged 71 years who being first by me 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 [blot]

He was born in the Town of Fishkill in the County of Dutchess in the State of New York on the Eleventh day of July in the year 1761. He has no record of his age and knows of none. He was living at Fishkill aforesaid when he entered the service and continued live there during the war and then moved in the Town of Oxford in the County of Chenango in the State of New York aforesaid where he now resides.

And this deponent further states that he was drafted in the Militia of the State of New York at Fishkill aforesaid the first of April in the year 1778 for six months, and served out under the following named officers viz, James Swartout was the General, Jacob griffin was Colonel. Henry Wykop (or a name pronounced like that) was Major, Jacob Brinkerhoof was the Adjutant, Thomas G. Storms was Captain, Ramus Adriance was first Lieutenant, Brinklehoof Rappleya was Second Lieutenant, Jacob Rice was Ensign, and the other officers he does not remember. Immediately after he was drafted as aforesaid they received orders and marched to West Point, where he remained until his six months expired (and he thinks [?] days longer at the request of the officers) and was dismissed the first of November verbally by his captain at West Point. He had no battles during the time.

And this deponent further states that in the year 1779, on the 8th of June he thinks he volunteered into the Militia of the State of New York again at Fishkill aforesaid for four months and under the same officers above mentioned as near as he can remember. Except the Captain which was John Hill that he served the four months out at West Point aforesaid and was dismissed verbally by the Captain at Fishkill aforesaid.

And this deponent further states that in the year 1780 he was drafted in the Militia as aforesaid about the First of October for five months in Fishkill aforesaid and went to West Point and served the time out under the same officers first above mentioned as near as he can remember and was verbally dismissed about the last of February or first of March in the year 1781 by his Captain. He had no battles during this time of Five months.

And this deponent further says that he was drafted again in the year 1780 about the first of August for three months at Fishkill aforesaid and immediately West Point and served the time out under the officers first above mentioned as near as he can remember and was verbally dismissed at West Point aforesaid by his Captain about the first of November 1781. That he was in no battles during this term.

And this deponent further says that he volunteered again at Fishkill aforesaid in the Militia of the State aforesaid about the First of August in the year 1782 for four months and went immediately to West Point where he served the term out, under a Captain of the name of James Cooper, and a Lieutenant by the name of James Swartout, the General's name he thinks was Putnam & was dismissed verbally by his captain at West Point about the first of November 1782.

And he further states that he was drafted again in the militia of the State aforesaid at Fishkill aforesaid about the first of April in the year 1783 for six weeks and immediately went to West Point & served the time out under a Captain by the name of Elbert Willett and Gen. Putnam last above

mentioned was General, he does not remember any more of the officers at this time, and was verbally dismissed about the middle of May by his Captain. He had no battles during the time.

And this deponent further says that he volunteered with his father's term about the first of September 1783 and was out about three months in teaming at Fishkill barracks. His business as teamster consisted in transporting all kinds of produce and all the articles which were to be moved or transported from one place to another. He staid the 3 months out and went home about the first of November 1783, and this deponent further says that he has no other or documentary evidence except what is hereunto annexed. And he further states that Nathaniel J. White and Sylvester Matthews are persons with whom he is acquainted in his present neighbourhood and who he offers as witnesses to his character for truth and veracity and as to their belief as to his being a soldier of the Revolution.

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. (Signed) Silas Clapp

Sworn and subscribed this 12th day of November 1832 before me. James Stryker, Judge of Erie County Court.