

## Pension Application for Matthew Clearwater

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On this third day of December in the year 1832, personally appeared in open court before the Judges of the court of Common Pleas for said county now sitting at the court house in the Village of Goshen in said county Matthew Clearwater a resident of the Town of Montgomery in the County of Orange & State of New York aged seventy six years or thereabouts 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 & served as is herein stated—viz.

The first service which he performed was one month in the minute service (so called) under the command of Capt. Peter Hill at Fort Constitution on the Hudson River as a private.

The next service was as a private in a company of New York Levies commanded by Capt. William Faulkner in a regiment commanded by Lieut Colonel James McClaughery & that he served for three months during the year 1777.

That he enlisted as a private in a company of New York Levies commanded by Capt. William Faulkner in a Regiment commanded by Lieut Colonel Albert Pawling on the tenth day of May 1779 and served until the first day of January 1780, making seven months & twenty one days.

That he served as a private in a company of New York Levies commanded by Capt. Drake in the year 1780 and that he served for three months, and that the service was performed in the neighbourhood of Fort Stanwix on the Mohawk River.

That once he was drafted for four months to serve under the said Capt. William Faulkner but that he was prevented by sickness from serving during the whole of said Term

And he further states that he does not recollect the time when the one months minute service was performed but that it was previous to the year 1777, and that his service under Capt. William Faulkner will appear by an affidavit of said Faulkner hereto annexed—and his service under Capt Drake will appear by an affidavit of William Bodine also hereto annexed and that said Bodine & Faulkner are both now dead.

And he further states that he has no documentary evidence of his service & knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service.

And he further states that he has no record of his age & that since the Revolutionary War he has principally resided in the Towns of Montgomery, County of Orange aforesaid & now resides there.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present & declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state.

And this deponent further says that he served as a private under the command of Capt John Newkirk for one month at [Hunk?] in the County of Ulster in the year 1778—as will appear by the affidavit of said Newkirk hereto annexed.

And further says that he served for three weeks at Ramapo under the command of Capt. Matthias Felter on an alarm but that he does not recollect the year.

And further says not. (Signed) Matthew Clearwater

Sworn in open court the day & year aforesaid. Asa Dunning, Clerk