

Pension Application for Matthew Colkins

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State of New York

Chenango County

On the 13 day of August 1832 personally appeared before Robert Morrel Esquire, vice chancellor of the [?] Circuit of the State of New York at a Court of Chancery held at the residence of the vice chancellor in Green in Chenango County now sitting Matthew Colkins resident in New Berlin in the said County of Chenango aged sixty eight years who being duly sworn according to Law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the Act of congress passed June 7, 1832 that he enlisted in the New York State Troops on the first of April in the year 1782 for nine months and joined the regiment commanded by colonel Marinus Willett in the company of Capt. Henry soon after at Albany that hey marches to Johnstown and in June following he enlisted for three years under Capt. Peter B. Tearse in the same regiment commanded by Colo Willett & wherein BenScoten was first Major the 2d Major was Fink the first Lieut in Tearse Company was Thorntan the 2nd Hilton and served in the said company and regiment till the regiment was discharged about the first of January 1784 that the troops were stationed on the Mohawk river and at Schoharie nearly the whole time he was in service that he was in several small actions with the Indians and in Willett's Expedition to Oswego in February 1783 on SnowShoes that he has procured two witnesses to wit David Colver and Rufus Shepherd whose affidavits will accompany this who were with him the whole time. I was born in Lyme in new London county in the State of Connecticut on the 9 day of February in the year 1764.

The record of my age is in a Bible given me by my Father as I believe in his hand writing.

In Spencertown in the county of Albany (now in the Town of Austerlitz in the County of Columbia) in the State of New York I have lived a number of years in Albany County I now live in New Berlin Chenango County. I enlisted for nine months and soon after for three years and served till the war was over.

I did not receive a written discharge I was sent on command from Fort Plain on the Mohawk River a short time before the Regiment were discharged into the country with an officer and was left sick by him and was not well enough to join the army till they were discharged.

I do hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity except the present and he declares that his name is not on the pension rool [sic] of any agency. (Signed) Matthew Colkins

[????] Robert Morrel, Vice Chancellor