

Pension Application for Richard Dikins or Dikens

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State of New York

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Rockland County SS.

On this twenty ninth day of November in the year A.D. 1832 personally appeared in open court, before the Judges of the court of common Pleas [sic] now sitting, Richard Dykens, a resident of the town of Haverstraw, in the county of Rockland and State of New York aged seventy two years the nineteenth day of January, 1832.—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, 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers, and served as herein stated.

That on or about the first of July 1776, at Haverstraw aforesaid, he volunteered for nine months, in a company commanded by Capt Richard Acker, John Waldron was a Lieutenant, in a Regiment commanded by Col'n A. Hawkes Hay, and served the time of his enlistment a guarding along the west shore of the Hudson River from Stony Point to Closter, in Bergen County and State of New Jersey, and was discharged at Clarkstown in the County of Rockland County, he then entered the service in a company commanded by Capt John Gardner, the aforesaid Waldron was then Lieutenant of said Company in the aforesaid Regiment and served in said Company until the close of the Revolutionary war, and during the said term of services their duty was various, sometimes a guarding along the aforesaid river, sometimes stationed as guards back from the river in the now counties of Rockland and Bergen aforesaid, sometimes a scouting throught the counties aforesaid and sometimes he as by his officers permitted to stay a short time at home to recruit, he under the directions of his capt (to procure some person who as acquainted with the garrison at Stony Point) hired Pomp the Black Man, who was the person who was guid [guide] to Genl Wayn, the night it was taken by Gen'l Wayn, and was at Stony Point at the time and had many a serious engagement with the enemy at different places as they had the enemy that would from time to time land from the shipping the enemy that from time salied [sailed] out of New York, and the refugees who was always on the move from place to place stealing horses cattle and takeing [sic] them a way and destroying what they did not take to contend with. That the precise time he was out on duty (not including the time he was at home to recruit) he is now unable precisely to state but can positively say that it exceeds eighteen months exclusive of his first enlistment, that he always has resided in the town of Haverstraw aforesaid.

That he has no documentary evidence of any of his services as he did not receive any written discharge, and all the positive testimony in some of the men who served with him in the war as his officers are dead.

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) Richard Dikins

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid. Per Curiam, David Pye,
Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas.