

## **Pension Application for Francis Dunkle or Dunckle(Dunckel, Dunkill, Dunghill**

R.3130

State of New York

County of Montgomery SS

On the 19th day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & thirty two personally appeared in open court before the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas of said County now sitting Francis Dunkle a resident of the town of Canajoharie in the county & State aforesaid aged sixty six year in April last 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 and served as herein after mentioned.

That in the month of June 1780 (1) he was called upon & volunteered in the service of his country in a company of militia men commanded by Capt. Adam Lipe, Lieut. Jacob Matthise (2) thinks Ensign William Seber in Colo. Clyde's Regiment, that he was kept under arms on duty & at work for the government in the building of Fort Clyde until about the last of November following when hostilities in that season ceased and they were dismissed for the winter. And that during that season he did as he believes five months duty as above mentioned in the service of his country.

That about the first of May 1781 he was again called out & entered the service under the command of his said officers above mentioned was stationed at Fort Clyde, there kept on duty & out in scouting parties at different times & in various directions to check the Indians and Tories who were doing great mischief in that place and its vicinity until about the last of November following when hostilities in that season again ceased, and that during that season he did as he believes at least six months actual duty in the service of his country.

That about first of May 1782 he was again called upon & entered the service under command of his said officers above mentioned was again at Fort Clyde, there kept on duty & out in Scouting parties at different times & in different directions as above mentioned until some time in the month of November following when hostilities in that season again ceased and that during that season he did as he verily believes as many as six months duty in the service of his country.

That in the month of May 1783 (3) he was again called in to service by his said officers stationed again at Fort Clyde where he was kept on duty as above mentioned until some time in October following when hostilities again ceased, and that he did in that season as he believes five months actual duty - and that he has no documentary evidence of his services—and never received a written discharge.

That he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to all his service.

That he was born in Germany in April 1766 and the same season came to America as he has been informed & believed.

That he has no record of his age.

That he was living in the town, County & State aforesaid when called into service as aforesaid where he has continued to live since the revolution and now lives.—

That he was called into service at the different times & in the manner above mentioned—

That at Fort Clyde during the time he was there on duty as aforesaid Lieut. Putman, (4) with some regular Troops as he now thinks were stationed at different times Lieut. Peake (5) & Lieut. Baker (6) with nine months troops as they were called were stationed there also at different times and that he cannot state the names of any other officers or troops where he served nor the circumstances of his service other than as he as above stated.—

That the Rev'd Jonas Diefendorf & John Yordon are the names of persons to whom he is known in his present neighborhood who can testify as to his character for veracity & their belief of his services as a soldier of the revolution.

Her 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 with his mark) Francis Dunkle

Sworn to & Subscribed the day & year aforesaid. Geo. D. Ferguson, Clerk

End Notes—R.3130—Francis Dunkle

1. Francis or Frank is listed on Captain Adam Leipe's muster and pay roll for July 6, 1780 to July 20, 1782. He served 9 days during that time period and his pay was £ 0. . 16. . 0. On Captain Adam Leipe's Roll of Certificates that were paid by September 28, 1784, certificates that were paid by September 28, 1784, certificate number 11382 he was paid £ 0. . 16. . 0. Captain Leipe's Company was in Colonel Samuel Campbell's First Regiment of Tryon County Militia. FROM: Revolutionary War Rolls 1775-1783, Series M-246, Roll 72, folder 89, National Archives, Washington, D.C.
2. The other company officers of Captain Leipe's Company were as follows: First Lieutenant Jacob Mathias, Second Lieutenant William Seeber and Ensign John Countryman.
3. Francis was not 16 years of age until 1782 which means his prior service did not count. He corrected this statement in his January 2, 1834 declaration in which he stated the following: "That in 1782 & 1783 I was

of the age which enjoined me to bear arms and in those years I was called out & put on duty by my said Captain,". His pension probably was rejected because he could not prove six months of service.

4. Victor Putman had served as a lieutenant in Colonel Frederick Visscher's Third Regiment of Tryon County Militia, in 1780 in Lieutenant-Colonel Commandant John Harper's Regiment of New York State Levies and in 1781 in Lieutenant-Colonel Commandant Marinus Willett's Regiment of New York State Levies.
5. Lieutenant Christopher Peak or Peake of Colonel Willett's Regiment.
6. He is referring to Lieutenant Albertus Becker in 1780 in Colonel Harper's Regiment or to Lieutenant Storm Becker in Colonel Willett's Regiment.