

Pension Application for William English

R.3355

State of New York

Washington County SS.

On the Fourth day of July 1836 principally appeared before John McLean one of the Judges of County Courts in and for the County of Washington William English a resident of the of the [sic] Town of Easton in the County of Washington aforesaid who being first duly sworn according to law on his oath doth 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 forgoing named officers and served as therein stated.

That in the month of March 1777 he enlisted for six months at Kinderhook in the County of Columbia in the State of New York in a company of Infantry commanded by Captain Vosburgh of which one Hinck was Lieut in Col Abram Van Alstine Regiment of which Daniel Halser was Major, that at the time of his enlistment he enlisted at Kinderhook aforesaid, that he entered immediately on duty and did Gunner duty a few days at Kinderhook, and on or about the first day of April 1777, and on or about the first day of April 1777, marched with his company to Ticonderoga by the way of Albany, Saratoga and Lake George.

He arrived at Ticonderoga in the month of April in the same year, and remained there doing Garrison duty in Captain Vosburgh's company until the Fort was evacuated on the night of the 5th day of July 1777, he then retreated with the army on the east side of Lake Champlain, through Castleton Vermont to Fort Edward in New York when he arrived about the 12th of July and remained at Fort Edward about three weeks doing Garrison duty, and then retreated with the Army to Saratoga, near Stillwater and there remained on Garrison until the battle of Saratoga, at Bemus' Heights, on the 7th of October 1777 was in that battle and after the fight at Saratoga he continued in the Army doing duty until the surrender of Burgoyne's on the 17th day of October 1777, immediately after the Surrender of general Burgoyne he was discharged at Saratoga [??] out the full period of his enlistment. In this tour of service he served out least six months and fifteen days, for which he claims a pension. That he received a written discharge from his captain which was consumed in his house, which was burnt. That he has no documentary evidence and knows of no one whose testimony he can procure, who can testify to his service.

In answer to the questions put by the Judges he says,

1st That he was born in the year 1754 at Newhaven in the state of Connecticut.

2nd He has no record of his age, he has been informed that there was a Record of his age in New Haven in the office of the Town Clerk.

3rd He was living at Kinderhook in the County of Columbia in the State of New York when he entered the service, some of the Revolution he has lived at a place called New Brittan in Columbia County and at Argyle in the County of Washington, and for

the last Forty years, in the Town of Easton in the County of Washington—and State of New York, where he now resides.

4th He entered the service by enlistment as before stated.

5th He recollects the names of General Gates, and General Arnold, and the names of his [?] officers as hereby stated, but his memory is so impaired by old age that he cannot recollect the Continental and Militia Regiments except his own.

6th He received a discharge from Capt. Vosburgh which was burnt in his house as above stated.

7th The names of the persons to whom he is known in his present neighborhood, and who can testify to his veracity and their belief o his service, as a soldier of the Revolution are Worthy Waters and Benjamin Wood.

There is no clergyman at present in his neighborhood with whom he is acquainted, than at present in his neighborhood, with whom he is acquainted have resided there but a short time.

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 with his mark) William English

Sworn and subscribed the day & year aforesaid. John McLean