

Pension Application for Levi Falkenbury

S.10652

State of New York

Washington County SS.

On this 28th day of August in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty two personally appeared in open court before the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas of Washington County now sitting Levi Falkenbury a resident of Whitehall in the County of Washington and State of New York aged seventy one years 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 7th 1832.

That he entered the service the elater part of April or the forepart of May in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and seventy seven at which time he resided in Spencertown in the County of Rensselaer and State of New York.

The officer's names under whom he served were Ezekiel Cooper Captain, Matthew Wray and a Fulmore Lieutenants, James Jackson & Gamabil Taylor sergeants, he entered the service as a volunteer. The company was raised by George Clinton who was then governor of the State of New York and was called "The Ranger" and was stationed at as their headquarters and was employed the principle part of the time as a guard about the governor's house and in ranging through that section of country as spies upon the British & Tires and sometime conveying prisoners to the American Army he was out in this company one year.

He was out three times afterwards in alarms the first time he went to Palatine and was in an engagement at that place with the British and Indians Jonah Grams was Captain of the Company at the time Robert Ranslaer [Rensselaer] was general and John McInster Col. was out this time about six months—The second time he went to Cherry Valley does not now recollect the names of the officers under whom he served at this time nor the exact time he was out near the time of year he was out but thinks it was in the fall or summer and that he was out upwards of one month.

The third time he went to Schenectady and was there [?] months this he thinks was in the spring of the year 1779 or 180 during which time he was engaged in scouting about that section of country a portion of the time and the remainder in garrison doing nothing at each time he thinks he was out as a volunteer but does not recollect distinctly he may have been drafted he was out in the whole time upwards of one year & three months none of the officers are now living to his knowledge nor has he any documentary evidence in his possession—Reed was in the Battle with me at Palatine and no other person that was out in the service with me is now living to my knowledge was born at Kinderhook February 18th 1761, he has a record of his age in his family bible.

And he hereby relinquishes every claim what ever 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) Levi Falkenbury.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid. J.S. Leigh Clk

Letter in folder dated August 15, 1929, written in response to an inquiry.

I advise you from the papers in the Revolutionary War pension claim, S.10652, it appears that Levi Falkenbury was born February 28, 1761, at Kinderhook, New York.

While a resident of Spencertown, Rensselaer County, New York, he enlisted late in April or early in May 1777, and served one year as a private in Captain Ezekiel Cooper's New York Company. He later served three enlistments of one month each as a private with the New York Troops, one of which was under Captain Jonah Graves and Colonel John McInster, and was in an engagement at Palatine or Stone Arabia.

From Spencertown, he moved to Grantsville, Washington County, and from there to Whitehall, Washington County, New York.

He was allowed pension on his application executed August 28, 1832, at which time he was a resident of Whitehall, New York

There are no data relative to family.