

Pension Application for Thomas Ferguson or Furguson

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State of New York

Cayuga County SS.

On this 26th day of July 1832 personally appeared before me Gershom Morse a Judge of the Court of common Pleas in & for said County Thomas Furguson of Sempronius, County & State aforesaid aged seventy eight years last November; 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 in the commencement of the War he resided in the Town of Bedford County of West Chester New York, the first services he rendered the United States was in the spring of 1775 when he volunteered to serve in Capt. Mills company of Militia and was under the Orders of the Committee of Safety of West Chester County, our business was to protect the Inhabitants from the Cow-boys or Tories, to prevent their stealing their property burning their houses &c, and bringing them when taken before the said Committee to be examined and and [sic] disposed of as they should think proper, and that he continued in this service one month; and that in the Spring of 1776 he enlisted for two months in Capt. Gray's Company and went to Hurlgate near the City of New York and worked on the Fortifications there, and did Garrison duty until my time (two months) expired, --

And that in the month of June 1776 he enlisted for six months in Capt. Thomas' Company in Col. Drake's Regiment, under Genl Scott, Nicholas Fish was our Brigade Major, we were stationed in and near the City of New York until the British landed from the East River and took the City we then retreated to Fort Washington, and from that to Fort Independence near Kingsbridge and after remaining there [a] short time we retreated in the night to White Plains and was afterwards sent to Peekskill on the Hudson River and there built barracks for the troops, when his time expired & he was discharged & sent home, --

And that afterwards he was drafted as a minuet man in Capt. Mosemans Company and stands as such for more than a years during which time he was obliged to be prepared with arms and accoutrements and three days provision always ready, that during the time he was frequently called out on duty to protect the inhabitants from the cowboys & tories as we were then located between British & American Armies in the County of Westchester aforesaid, he was out from two days to two weeks each time making in the whole more than three months, that he lost almost all his property by the tories and British, among the property he lost three horses one cow, two york oxen and one heifer and suffered much himself and his family.

That he has no documentary evidence, and that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his services, and that 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)
Thomas Ferguson

Sworn & subscribed the day & year aforesaid before me. Garshsom Morse, a
Judge of Cayuga Com. Pleas.