

Pension Application for John Flansburgh or Flanburgh

R.3594

State of New York

Delaware County SS

On this ninth day of September one thousand eight hundred and thirty personally appeared before the Court of Common Pleas in and for the County of Delaware aforesaid in open court, John Flansburgh a resident of the town of Harpersfield in said County of Delaware aged Seventy years the 24th of May 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 provision made by the Act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

That he entered into the service of the United States in the militia & served therein as follows to wit, In the year 1779 he resided in the then Town of Watervliet now Bethlehem in the County of Albany, being the place of his birth & then and there on his arriving to the age of sixteen years was put on the muster roll of the militia of that town under the command of Capt. George Hogan, Matthew Flansburgh & William Flansburgh were lieutenants of said company—Col. Quackenbush commanded the regiment to which said company belonged & that was under the command of Gen. Schuyler.

In the summer of that year, to wit, 1779 the said company & regiment did march on a tour of duty, this declarant wit them as a corporal, first to Saratoga—staid there about a month, then we marched to Schenectady & after being stationed there several weeks were discharged. In this tour of duty he is confident he was in service at least two months.

In the summer of the year 1780 this declarant then being appointed a sergeant in said company which was sill commanded by the said Capt. Hogan marched with the said company on a tour of duty to Schoharie & was there stationed at the stone church which was used as a fort.

Remained there some weeks when he was detailed under Lieutenant John Seward to assist in conveying some prisoners from Schoharie to Albany. After [?] the said prisoners to Albany he was there discharged—On this tour of duty he was in service as a sergeant five weeks.

In the summer of the year 1781 this declarant as orderly sergeant & volunteer went on a tour of duty from said Watervliet in a company of militia commanded by Capt VanWie, VanBuren major? to Schoharie—served there as orderly sergeant in garrison & on scouting parties & as guard &c for four months, when he was discharged & returned to his residence at Watervliet.

4. [?no idea what 4 is doing there!] In the summer of 1782 he still residing in the said Watervliet and orderly sergeant in said company still commanded by said Capt. George Hogan was with the said company marched to Fort Hunter—staid there a few days—were ordered to fall back upon Schenectady—staid there several weeks, were then ordered for Saratoga—took up the line of march together—went a part of the way & were dismissed. On this tour of duty was in service as orderly sergeant at least

one month. During this tour of duty he was under the command of Major [Veder?]- Whether Col. Quackenbush or Col. Staats commanded the regiment he cannot recollect.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity except the present, and he declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency in any state.

He was born in the town of Watervliet in the County of Albany State of New York on the 24th of May 1763. He has no record of his age except in the family bible now in the possession of his cousin in the town of Bethlehem formerly Watervliet as aforesaid.

He resided in that place from his birth till 1805 when he removed to Coxsackie where he resided three years when he removed to Sharon in the County of Schoharie. Resided there about one year when he removed to Cherry Valley in the County of Otsego resided there till 1823 when he removed to Worcester in said county-resided there eight years & removed to Harpersfield-there one year & moved back to Worcester-there a year & moved back to Harpersfield where he has resided ever since.

He was called into service either as a volunteer or by being ordered into service with a militia company as herein before stated-

The names of officers under whom he served are as herein before stated.

He did not when dismissed at any time, receive any written discharge-does not recollect that he received a warrant at either of the times when appointed corporal or sergeant. If he did they are lost & forgotten. James Pierce & John Flansburgh Jr. both of Harpersfield aforesaid are persons to whom he is known in his present neighborhood and who can testify to his character for veracity & their belief of his services as a soldier of the revolution.

There is no clergyman in his neighborhood well acquainted with him & the tradition of his revolutionary services.

He does not know of any person by whom he can prove his said services nor has he any documentary evidence to the same, except David Flansburgh & his deposition hereunto annexed. (Signed with his mark) John Flansburgh

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid in open court. C. B. Sheldon,
Clerk

Letter in folder dated April 28, 1938, written in response to an inquiry.

The record of John Flansburgh is furnished you herein, the data for which were obtained from the papers on file in Revolutionary War pension claim, R.3594, based upon his military service in that war.

John Flansburgh was born May 24, 1763, in Watervliet (later Bethlehem, Albany County, New York. The names of his parents are not shown.

In 1805, he moved to Coxsackie, New York, where he lived three years; then moved to Sharon, Schoharie County, New York, resided there about one year; then moved to Cherry Valley, Otsego County, New York, resided there until 1823; then

moved to Worcester, same county, and lived eight years; next moved to Harpersfield, New York, and lived one year; returned to Worcester, New York; next moved to Allegheny County, New York; then returned to Harpersfield, New York.

John Flansburgh applied for pension September 9, 1832, while residing in Harpersfield, Delaware County, New York, and alleged that while residing in Watervliet, New York, he enlisted and served with the New York troops as follows: from sometime in 1779, two months as corporal in Captain George Hogan's Company, Colonel Quackenbos' Regiment; he stated that Matthew and William Flansburgh were lieutenants in said company but give no relationship to himself; from sometime in the summer of 1780, five weeks as sergeant in Captain George Hogan's Company, under Colonels Gerritt VanDenBergh and Barent Staats, was detached and served under Lieutenant John Leonard, as a guard for Prisoners taken to Albany; in the summer of 1781, four months as orderly sergeant in Captain John VanWie's company under Major VanBuren; and in the summer of 1782, one month as orderly sergeant in Captain George Hogan's Company under Major Veder(?) not clearly written.

The claim of John Flashburgh for pension was not allowed as he failed to furnish proof of service of six months as required by the pension laws. There is no reference to wife or children.

In 1832, John Flansburgh, Junior, was resident of Harpersfield, New York; no relationship to the soldier was stated. In 1833, David Flansburgh, and uncle of the soldier was residing in Cobleskill, Schoharie County, New York.