

Pension Application for William F. Flansburgh

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State of New York

County of Montgomery SS.

On this 10 day of December personally appeared in open court before the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas, now sitting William F. Flansborough a resident of the town of Wells in the County of Hamilton formerly the County of Montgomery and State of New York aged seventy-five on next New Years day being the 11th of January 1833, where 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 of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated.

That he in the year (the precise year doesn't recollect we can not tell for certain) or about the commencement of the Revolutionary War he enlisted in Albany the first time don't recollect his captain's name nor any of the field officers that were in command at that time nor any of the other officers in the company he enlisted. He enlisted for three years at that time, he went from Albany to the White Plains and Terry town, and then served out his three years—his services was in the regular troops—don't' recollect what year he quit the services—he was a resident of Shenectady [Schenectady] at the time he enlisted in New York State—he does not remember the names of any of the officers, field or company under whom he served during the three years as he was only about 12 or 13 years of age when he enlisted as he thinks for he was about 18 or 19 years of age when the war [seared? Started?] as near as he can recollect—his memory is very indistinct and cannot remember much about it—during the three years he was in a battle at the White Plains—that Washington commanded [commanded] there then, don't remember any other officer's names that was then—he was [?] in a battle during the said three years at Monmouth don't recollect any of the officers who commanded there—he then returned to the White Plains or Terry Town and there remained until discharged—which was between New Years & Christmas—he had a written discharge of his services of that time—but has lost it and doesn't know where it is—he cannot tell what officer gave him his discharge—his memory is so weak. The year he got his discharge does not recollect. The country through which he marched was from Albany to Terrytown & White Plains, and from there to Monmouth where the Battle was fought and back again to White Plains or Terrytown which lays on the North River in a place called Tapan Bay a [???] He cannot tell the regiments or companies he served with—he cannot tell the names of any of the Regular Officers but Washington, he resided in the town of Schenectady & County of Schenectady and State of New York where he enlisted.

That he knows of no other person or persons who can testify he can procure & who can testify to his service but those herein annexed.

That he has no documentary evidence of the above services. Was born in Schenectady State of New York doesn't recollect what year – has no record of his age—

he was living in Schenectady when he went into the service—has lived since Shacticoke, Shenectady [sic] County as he believes in Shenctady patent and in the town of Wells [?] or Hamilton County all in the State of New York—he cannot state any of the officers but Washington under whom he served during said three years—he never received commission.

That eh enlisted again what year don't know or recollect. That he enlisted under Colonel Warner & Major Chipman, field officers in Captain Drake's Company don't recollect the other company officers—knew Capt W? Vrooman of another company doesn't recollect any other officers it was at Neskeuna on the Mopow River [Niskauna, on the Mohawk?] near the Cohoes Falls—he enlisted this time during the war. That he believes is name will be found enrolled at Washington on the Continental Roll.

That he went from Neskauna to Saratoga and from there to Fort Stanwix and remained there till fall. Then went to [?] there found a large number of Indians and returned immediately and got as far as Caueheraga? There they met St. John and his army and the Indians followed and helped and the and all his company were taken prisoners by St. John & the Indians and were tied two & two together and marched them to Aswega [Oswego?] and then they were given up by St. John to the Indians and the Indians took them to Chipaway and was kept at Chipeway about one year & a half then the Indians took them to Niagara and then they left them with Colonel Butler, and the put us in irons and sent us to Carleton Island. There we were kept all winter in the fall following we were sent to Montreal there we remained all winter and then we were sent the next spring below Montreal [?] a guard ship there confined in the fall following we were sent to Qubeck [Quebec] remained there all winter in the spring we were sent to the Isle of [Beach?] was there till in the middle of the summer then they were put in irons and put on board St. Johns ship which was going to [Lundon?] – he conveyed us to London were kept there sometime & he returned with us to America—they landed at Halifas? [Halifax] & there at Qubeck from there was sent up to [?].

There we run away from the British and came to an Isle and in the Black River, from there he went back to [Suagotchie?] from there he went to Montreal and from there to [?] and from there to Vermont and from there to Shecety [Schenectady] then to his fathers.

The war was over before he got home cannot tell how long it was from the time he last enlisted till he returned home.

Has no documentary evidence of this last service—got no discharge—says he is or will be 75 years of age the first of January next—Thinks his name will be found on the Continental Roll in the war department—don't know the number of the Regiment he enlisted in. Knows of no person whose testimony he can procure but those hereto annexed, who can testify to his services.

I hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declare that my name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state—does not recollect what year or knows what year he was born in except by calculating back from his present age or he has always been informed was born in

Shenectdy, New York State. Has no record of his age—was living in Shectdy when he went into service or a short time previous—now lives in Wells Hamilton County he enlisted in the service.—

That Peter Smith and Cornelius A. Smith and Cornelius A. Smith can testify as to my character for veracity & believe [unclear] a part of my services as I believe—The length of time he served [unclear] (Signed with his mark) William F. Flansburgh

Sworn to & subscribed the day and year aforesaid in open court. Geo. D. Ferguson, Clk.