

Pension Application for John Flinn

R.3612

Territory of Michigan
County of St. Clair SS.

On this nineteenth day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty two personally appeared in open court before the Circuit Court for the County of St. Clair aforesaid now sitting John Flinn, a resident of the Town of Cotterllville in said County & Territory aged seventy five years on the thirteenth day of March last past, 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 7, 1832.

That to the best of his recollection he enlisted in the Army of the United States in the month of April 1776 for the term of three years.

That he enlisted in the company of Capt. Austin in the third Regiment of the Continental line, under the following named officers:--

The name of the Colonel of said Regt was Peter Gansvoort; the Lieut Col's name was Willet from Long Island; the Majors name was Cocharan.

The name of the Lieut of the Company was Bale & the Ensign's name was Lament.—

Deponent does not recollect the name of the Genl of Brigade as the Brigade was never while he served brought together. After having served his term of enlistment viz. three years, he was discharged from the service. At the time of the above enlistment deponent resided at Ballstown in the then County of Albany, State of New York.

In the second year of deponents enlistment while stationed at Fort Stanwix on the Mohawk he with two hundred and fifty others went from the fort to the relief of the militia who were engaged with Sir John Johnsons forces consisting of British and Indians from Canada together with Butlers Rangers (so called)—This engagement took place about five miles from the Fort down the river, and continued for four hours.

Deponent was also present at the time of the siege of Fort Stanwix by Gen'l St. Leger which continued for 21 days, and the besieged were relieved by the approach of the militia from below—

The force in the fort consisted of 700 men. By papers found in a military chest taken from the enemy, there were fifteen hundred Indians present at the siege.

While deponent was stationed at Fort Stanwix a part of his Reg't was detached to Saratoga a short time previous to the capture of Gen'l Burgoine—About three months of deponents service he was stationed at Fort Edward, thence deponent went to Fort George on Lake Champlain where he was stationed about 8 months; and afterwards went to Albany where he was discharged—

In the march from Fort Stanwix to Fort Edward deponent went to Albany, from thence to Newtown; thence to Half-Moon; thence to Stillwater—

During his whole service deponent was stationed northwards.

At the time of his service deponent recollects seeing Gen'l Gage.—

He never received any written discharge from service & he hereby agrees to relinquish any claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency in any state.

Incidentally deponent states that previous to the above named service, he served as a volunteer in the Regt of one VanSchaick for five months in 1775.

No person can be found who has a personal knowledge of deponents services.
(Signed with his mark) John Flinn

Sworn to and subscribed in open court this 19th October AD 1832. James Fulton clerk.