

Pension Application for William Force

S.44846

State of New York SS.

To the Hon. Richard Riker Recorder of the City of New-York, and one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas, called the Mayor's Court of the City of New-York which is a Court of Record of the State of New York.

The Declaration under Oath of William Force formerly a Private engaged in the Service of the United States during the Revolutionary War, now a Citizen of the United States and resident of the City and County of New-York, respectfully sheweth, that the said William Force sometime in the year 1776 he enlisted at Moristown [Morristown] in the company of Capt. Dickinson in the 3d Jersey Regiment commanded by Col. Dayton, he enlisted for one year & served out his time and was discharged at Moristown.

Was stationed on the Frontiers at Fort Stanwics [Stanwix] & Ticonderoga he served against the common enemy in the Revolutionary Service.

And the declaration further sheweth, that the said William Force is now a citizen of the United States, resides in the city of New-York, and is, by reason of his reduced circumstances in life, in need of assistance from his country for support being now sixty six years of age.

Therefor the said William Force conceives himself entitled to the benefit of the Act of the Congress of the United States, entitled, "An Act to provide for certain persons engaged in the Land and Naval Service of the United States in the Revolutionary War," approved 18th March 1818, and requests your Honor will examine into the truth of the matter aforesaid, certify and transmit the testimony in the case, and the proceedings had thereon to the Honorable the Secretary of the Department of War, to the end that such relief may be had in the premises, as is by law in such case made and provided. And in support of the facts above set forth, the said William Force refers to the affidavit of Munson Force below.

City and County of New-York ss. William Force of the city and County of New-York, being duly sworn, saith, that the matters by him set forth in the foregoing Declaration are in all respects just and true. (Signed with his mark) William Force

Sworn before me this 16th day of April 1818, R Riker Recorder of the City of New York.

Letter in folder dated July 18, 1924, written in response to an inquiry.

I have to advise you that from the papers in Revolutionary War pension claim, S.44846, it appears that William Force enlisted at Morristown, New Jersey, February 12, 1776 and served one year as a private in Captain Peter Dickerson's company, Colonel Dayton's New Jersey Regiment.

He was allowed pension on his application executed April 16, 1818, while a resident of New York City, New York, aged 66 years.

His wife (name not stated) died prior to September 2, 1820. On that date he referred to his children, names not stated.

