

Pension Application for John Forgerson or Ferguson

S.5384

Declaration in order to obtain the benefits of the Act of Congress of the 7-9 June 1832.
State of Pennsylvania
[Luzene?] County SS.

On this 5th day of January 1839, personally appeared before the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas of said County John Furgeson a resident of [?mneland in said County aged seventy five years of age, who being 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 7, 1832.

That he enlisted at Goshen in the State of New York in Captain Westfall's Company of United States troops for eight or nine months and which he does not now recollect—in March or April 1781—That he marched to Ulster County in said State and joined a regiment commanded by Colonel Spaulding – Major DeWits was attached to said Regiments—His first lieutenants name was John English – That he remained generally at a fort in Ulster County during the whole time of his enlistments—During the said term he was not in any engagement—

That at the time of the expiration of his enlistments he was discharged and returned home. His discharge was in writing, which discharge he has since lost.

He states that he was born on the 18 of March 1783—at Walkill in Ulster County in the State of New York – of which he has a family record now in hispossession and to the court shewn—after the term of his service he remained in Orange County State last mentioned till about the year 1821—when he returned into [Northumberland?] [Luzene?] County and State of Pennsylvania his present place of residence, near Bowman's Creek—as the evidence of his service he refers to Benjamin Drake of Tioga County State of New York and Jacob Decker of Chemung County same State who both [missing] him to have been in the service as he has stated.

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 any agency in any state. (Signed) John Forgerson

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid in open court Jany 5, 1839. Jno. Smith Prot.