

Pension Application for Francis Gurnee

S.13232

State of New York

Montgomery County SS.

On this 20th day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty two, personally appeared in open Court before the court of Common Pleas of the County of Montgomery & State of New York, now sitting Francis Gurnee of the Town of Mayfield in the County & State aforesaid, aged seventy five years 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 he entered the service of the United States and served as herein stated: Your applicant says, that he drafted in the State Troops, in the year 1775 under Captain Amos Hutchins in Colonel Richmoors Regiment for the term of nine months, that he went out sometime in the month of October of that year; the day he cannot state, and was discharged in July following; and served no longer than eight months out of the nine.

He resided at Haverstraw, in the County of orange & State of New York at this time, and went from the latter place to the City of New York under the before named officers.

Your applicant says that he again, in the year 1778, drafted, for three months, under Captain Johnsons & lieutenant Isaac Coe that he went out sometime in the month of October of that year the day of the month he cannot state, and served the full term of three months; Your applicant further says that he went from his place of residence aforesaid to Tappan.

Your applicant further says that he in the year 1779 drafted under Captain William Cooly, Lieutenant John Ackerman, the other officers names he does not recollect, except Major Henry, that he drafted for one year and that he served the full term of one year, that he went from his said place of Residence, at this time, to Stony Point and remained there the said term of one year; that it was in the spring of the year in the month of April when he went out and was discharged in April of the following year; your applicant further says that he did in the years 1780 & 81, serve in the company of Captain Derunda & Lieutenant Jackson in Colonel Hays Regiment, for the term of four months. He has no documentary evidence of his services.

Your applicant further says that he was born in the year 1757 at Haverstraw in the County of Orange & State of New York and has no record of his age and lives at Mayfield, County & State aforesaid & has lived there since the Revolutionary War.

And your applicant further says that he is acquainted with the following persons, who are now living in his neighborhood, who can testify as to his character for truth and veracity and their belief of your applicants services as a soldier of the Revolution to wit; Rev. Aaron Leaman, David Knapp.

Your applicant says that he was well acquainted during the Revolutionary War, with the [following crossed out and no written above it] regular officers.

Your applicant further says that he has no documentary evidence of his services; Your applicant further says that he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares his name is not on the Pension Roll of the agency of any State; Your applicant says that the first three terms of service were in the Continental Line and the last in the militia and that the whole length of time he was in the continental service is twenty three months, besides the four months in the militia service. (Signed) Francis Gurnee

Sworn and subscribed the day and year aforesaid in open court. Geo. D. Ferguson, Clerk