

Pension Application for Silas Holly

W.24437 (Widow: Esther) Married October 13, 1778. Silas died December 20, 1833.
State of New York
County of Orange SS.

On this fourth day of September 1832 personally appeared in open court before the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas now sitting Silas Holly a resident of the Town of Warwick in the County of Orange and State of New York aged seventy six years lost February, 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 7th 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated.

That in the beginning of July in the year 1776 this deponent inlisted [enlisted] under Cap. John Wood at [Goshen?] in said County of five months. That he was immediately rendezvoused at Goshen and served out the said inlistment was marched first to Fort Montgomery next to Kings Fridge and was discharged in January 1777. Had a written discharge which is long since lost.

The spring following was classed in Cap. John Jackson's company and served at Ramapo, Closter, Harvestraw and Hakimack and many other places along the British lines.

Went to Poughkeepsie on a tour of duty at least one third of the time for three years—Served two years as Sarjent [Sergeant] in said Jackson's Company and while on duty. That he served all the time that fell to his lot as a member of the class and much more voluntarily. And this deponent does not hesitate to say under his oath that he served in all during said war more than two years he verily believes nearer three years than two.

That his name has never been on the pension roll of any agency in any state.

That he was born in the Town of Goshen in said County and now lives in the Town of Warwick in said County.

That he has resided in the said County of Orange ever since his birth. Does not know a single commissioned officer under whom he served that is now living—was born in the year 1756—has a record of his age at home—had a written discharge for his five months service but it is lost.

He has no documentary evidence of his service.

James Burt, Wm Carr, & Wm Knapp reside in deponent neighbourhood who can testify to his character for truth & veracity and their belief of his revolutionary services. (Signed) Silas Holly.

Subscribed & sworn this 4th day of Sept. 1832. [fold, can't read the name, would guess Asa Dunning] Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas, Orange County