

### **Pension Application John Kelch**

R.5824 (Widow: Susan)

Declaration. State of New York

Madison County Ss.

On this eight day of October 1832 personally appeared in open court before the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas of the said County of Madison now sitting John Kelch a resident of the town of Lenox in said County of Madison aged sixty eight 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<sup>th</sup> 1832.

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

That he was born at German Flatts in then Montgomery County N.Y. in the year 1764, has no record of his age here at German Flatts aforesaid where he entered the service line at that place after the war until he came to reside in the County of Madison in which he entered the service by enlisting for nine months in the Continental Army of New York State troops the first of April cannot tell what year cannot read thinks it was 1781—

He was sixteen years old the fall previous he was in the battle of Johnstown in the fall against Genl Ross and Butler the latter was killed at East Canada Creek he enlisted under Capt Elswood, Lieut Bloodgood & Ensign Hendrick in Col. Willett's Regiment that he served the whole of that term of time and was duly discharged the fore part of January the next following did not know the names of any regular officers that he can name of any regular officers that he can now remember. Had no written discharge he served as a private that he is acquainted with Judge [Luben?], Peter Kilts, Stephen Chapman, Suylvester Bingham, David Hadcock, who reside in the neyhorhood [neighborhood] [?] who can testify as to my character for truth and veracity and their opinion in that he has been a soldier of the revolution [?] and that he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state. (Signed with his mark) John Kelch

Sworn & Subscribed the day & year aforesaid. A. S. Sloan, Clk.