

Pension Application for Willhelmus Kierstead

S.22864

State of New York

County of Ulster SS.

On this eleventh day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty two personally appeared in open court before the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas now sitting Willhelmus Kierstead of the Town of New Paltz in the County and State aforesaid aged eighty one 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 7th 1832.

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

He served the full term of the two months in the company commanded by Capt. Schoonmaker. John C. Dewitt was first Lieut. and Peter Elsworth 2nd Lieu. he cannot recollect the time when he entered this service he was in no engagement during this service. He lived when he entered this service in the town of Kingston in the County of Ulster aforesaid he enlisted under said Schoonmaker and lay at Kingston a village in the town of Kingston aforesaid during said period he was born in Kingston aforesaid of the year 1751, and his age is recorded in Kingston Church register. He has not documentary evidence of this service and knows no person living whose testimony he can procure who can testify thereto.

He also served for the period of four months in the regiment commanded by Col. Snyder in the company commanded by Capt. Frederick Schoonmaker. That Graham was first Lieutenant and Cornelius Vanwagenen 2 Lieu of said company. Performed this service the same year Fort Montgomery was taken in no engagement lived when he entered this service at Kingston in Ulster aforesaid. Say during the above period of service at Fort Montgomery he got a written discharge from this service which was consumed at the burning of Kingston aforesaid. Jonathan Tompkins who resides in the town of New Paltz aforesaid, has served in the Revolution at Fort Montgomery and knows that he said Kierstead served at said place.

He also served in the Revolution in the Militia of the State aforesaid the full period of nine months in the regiment of Col. Wysenvelt in the company commanded by Capt. [Piersy?] thinks this about 2 or 3 years after the taking of Fort Montgomery a scouting party among whom he was had a shirmish [skirmish] with Indians in which a John Rider of our men was killed—lived at Kingston aforesaid when he entered this service. He volunteered in this service was during this service in the western part of Ulster Co. aforesaid guarding frontiers viz at Great Shandaken, Little Shandaken, Woodstock, Stone Ride [Ridge?], [Swain?] Kill, Neppenock &c. He has had no written discharge from this service as tow or three days before the company was discharged he was sent home in consequence of a cut in his knee Jonathan Tomkins who is personally acquainted with him was in the same company during the said period of nine months and knows that he said Kiersted performed this service.

He served for the space of two months in the company of Lieu Tobias Van Buren. He cannot recollect who was Captain of said company. This was the year after the last stated service of nine months. Lived at Kingston in Ulster aforesaid when he entered this service. At Woodstock in said Company of Ulster guarding frontiers, had no written discharge & knows no person by whom he can prove this service. He saw when at Fort Montgomery, Genl Clinton, Col Brown recollects no regular officers or regiments at any of the other places he served.

Said Kiersted has since the revolution resided in the County of Ulster aforesaid viz at Warwasink, Hurley & New Paltz.

And 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. That John I. Terwilligar and John W. Church can testify as required by the war department. (Signed) Wilhelmus Kierstead

Sworn and Subscribed the day & year aforesaid. A. D. Soper First Judge. Abm G. Hardenburg, John Jansen, Abm A. Deyo Judges.

Amendment

State of New York
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Personally appeared before me the undersigned a Justice of the Peace in and for the County of Ulster aforesaid Willhelmus Kierstead of the town of New Paltz County aforesaid an applicant for a pension under the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832, who being duly sworn deposeth and saith, that by reason of old age and the consequent loss of memory he cannot swear positively as to the periods of war when he served but is positive as to the length of the several services mentioned in his declaration which according to the best of his recollection were at the following periods of the American Revolution as mentioned below:

The two months which he served in the company commanded by Capt. Schoonmaker of which company John D. Dewit was 1st Lieut & Peter Elsworth 2nd Lieut. was in the year 1777 he lay at Kingston during this service and it was shortly after the village was burned.

The second service of 4 months mentioned in the declaration in Col.Snyder's regiment in the company of Capt Frederick Schoonmaker and Graham & VanWagenen Lieuts, was also in the year 1777 shortly before the taking of Fort Mongomery [Montgomery].

The third period of service mentioned in his declaration viz nine months in Col. Wysenfelts Regiment in Capt. Piercy's Company was in the year 1780; and the period of two months last mentioned in his declaration viz the service in the company of Lieu Tobias Vanbeurein at Woodstock was in the year 1781 and for such service I claim a pension. (Signed) Wilhelmus Kierstead.

Subscribed & sworn this 7th Jan'y before me. Geo. W. Lynch, Justice of the Peace.