

Pension Application for Benjamin Knapp

S.34950

Michigan Territory

County of Wayne SS.

On this 15th day of January 1822, personally appeared in open Court, being a Court of Record for the County of Wayne in the Territory aforesaid, Benjamin Knapp, aged sixty five years, resident in said County, who being first duly sworn doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the act of Congress of the 18th of March 1818 and of the 1st of May 1820.

That he the said Benjamin Knapp enlisted to serve during the war, on or about, the month of January in the year 1777, in the State of New York, on the Continental Establishment; that he continued to serve in said corps, until the year 1780, in the month of May, when he was taken a prisoner, and remained a prisoner till the end of the war; when he was released.

That he was at Fort Stanwix at the time of the Siege, and with Genl Sullivan in his expedition into the Indian County.

That he has no other evidence now in his power of his said service, except the affidavit of William Dunbar and William Pangburn.

And in pursuance of the Act of the first of May Eighteen hundred and twenty, I do solemnly swear, that I was a resident citizen of the United States on the 18th of March 1818; and that I have not since that time, by gift, sale or in any manner, dispose of my property or any part thereof, with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions of the act of Congress, entitled, "An act of provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War", passed on the 18th of March 1818; and that I have not, nor has any person in trust for me, any property, or securities, contracts or debts due to me, nor have I any income, other than what is contained in the schedule schedule [sic]hereto annexed, and by me subscribed; and further that my occupation is that of a Farmer, and that from my age and consequent infirmity, I am able to labor but little and cannot support myself; that my family consists of my wife who is about my age and very infirm. That he have thereto fore, to wit, on the 20th day of June 1820, made an application for a Revolutionary Pension, but that the claim was rejected for want of two witnesses to prove my service.

Schedule of my property.

1 Cow and Calf, one axe, 5 hogs, 2 hoes, 2 small iron pots, 6 cups & saucers, 6 knives & forks. (Signed with his mark) Benjamin Knapp

Sworn & Subscribed to in open court on the 15th day of January 1822. (Signed) Thomas Rowland Clk.