

Pension Application for James Knapp or Knap

S.42800

State of New York

Ontario County SS.

James Knapp now of the Town of Milo being duly sworn doth declare that on the first day of February One thousand seven hundred & seventy seven he inlisted [enlisted] as a Drummer in a Company Commanded by Captain Benjamin Pelton in the Second New York Regiment Command[ed] by Col. V Cortland, [VanCortland] to serve during the war and did serve untill he was honorably discharged as will appear by his discharge hereunto annexed. That he is in poor circumstances and actually stands in need of the aid of his Country for support, and that he is not on any pension list whatever, and further he saith not. (Signed) John Knapp

Sworn & Subscribed before me John Nicholas Esquire first Judge of the Court of Common Pleas in and for Ontario County, and I certify that I am satisfied from the declaration of said Deponent and from his discharge & other vouchers that he is the same person described in said Discharge and was a soldier in the Revolutionary War. Dated this 15th day of April AD 1818, John Nicholas.

Letter in folder dated March 15, 1935, written in response to an inquiry.

Reference is made to your letter in which you request the record of James Knapp who served as drummer in the Revolutionary War, from Dutchess County, New York, and was granted a pension in 1818.

You are furnished below the record of the only soldier named James Knapp or Knap, found in the records of this office, who served in the Revolution from New York. The data therein were obtained from the papers on file in pension claim, S.42800, based upon his service in the Revolutionary War.

The date and place of soldier's birth and names of his parents are not shown.

James Knapp or Knap (both spellings of the name appear) enlisted in Dutchess County, New York, sometime in 1777, served as drummer in Captain Benjamin Pelton's company, Colonel P. VanCortlandt's 2nd New York Regiment, and was discharged June 8, 1783, after having served six years three months.

He was allowed pension on his application executed April 15, 1818, while residing in Milo, Ontario County, New York.

In 1821, the soldier was aged fifty-seven years, still residing in Milo, New York, and referred to his wife then aged fifty-six years but did not give her name, nor did he refer to any children.