

Pension Application for William Knight

S.42797

New York Mayor's Court

In the Court of Common Pleas, called the Mayor's Court of the City of New York, held at the City-Hall, in and for the said City, before the Judges of the same Court of June term, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty. Present the Honorable Peter A. Jay Recorder of the City of New York.

City of New York, SS.

Be it remembered that on the first day of July in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty personally appeared in the Court of Common Pleas, called the Mayor's Court of the City of New York, in open court, the said court being a court for the city and county of New York, according to the charter of the said city and the laws of the state of New York, William Knight aged about Sixty one years, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath declare, that he served in the revolutionary war as follows:

That in the winter of 1775 & 1776 he enlisted in the service under Capt. Abraham Riker, Col. Philip VanCourtlandt's Regiment in the New York line; That he continued under the command of Capt. Riker for somewhere about three years until the death of Capt. Riker at Valey [Valley] Forge near Philadelphia; That he afterwards served under Capt. Wright who took command of the company then lately commanded by Capt. Riker, & Continued under Capt. Wright until the close of the war, when he was honorably discharged—

That he was in the Battles of White Plains and the Captures of Burgoyne and Cornwallis--& was in the revolutionary service under the continental establishment during the greater part of the war—and that his original declaration is dated the Sixth day of May one thousand eight hundred and eighteen and that his pension certificate is No. 16970.

And I do solemnly swear that I was a resident citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March, 1818, and that I have not since that time, by gift, sale, or in any manner, disposed of my property, or any part thereof, with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions of an act of Congress, entitled, "An act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States, in the Revolutionary War," passed on the 18th day of March, one thousand eight hundred and eighteen; 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 thereto annexed, and by me subscribed, to wit:

No real property whatever

No personal estate, except two indifferent suits of wearing apparel, which he has procured through the Charity of his friends;

This deponent further states that he is a single man but infirm and unable to procure a livelihood, but is supported by the bounty of Mr. John C. Van Duyne with whom he lives. (Signed with his mark) William Knight.

Sworn this first day of July 1820 in open court. Benj. Ferris Clk