

Pension Application for Thomas Manning

S.16933

State of New York

County of Essex SS.

On this twenty seventh day of September in the year of Our Lord 1832. Personally appeared before the Court of Common Pleas of the County of Essex aforesaid Thomas Manning a Resident of Wellsborough [Willsboro] in the County of Essex and State of New York aged seventy four years, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his said Oath make the following Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Provision made by the act of congress, passed June 7th 1832.

That he enlisted in the Army of the United States in the year 1777, Captain Gilbert Livingston and served in Colonel Frayer's Regiment of the Continental Line under the following named officers Col. Frayer, Captain Gilbert Livingston, Lieut Ostrander, Sergeants William McNaucy & John Bogard & that he can not recollect any other of his field or company officers names, that he left the service in the month of January in the year 1778 at Esopus in the State of New York. That he resided in Dutchess County in the State of New York.

That he resided in Dutchess County in the State of New York when he entered the service, and and [sic] that at the time he enlisted he drew a Bounty of £75.

That during the time of his service he was in a skirmish with the British Indians at Sandaken where his regiment were stationed keeping garrison, at the time the British came up the North or Hudson River & Burnt Esopus—they marched from Sandaken to Esopus but did not arrive there until the British had re-embarked on Board there, shipping and sailed down the river, that they then returned to Sandaken at their quarters & remained there until their time was out when they were marched to Esopus and discharged by Col. Frayer, did not receive a written discharge the Regiment men paraded & dismissed by the said Col Frayer. That he enlisted for nine months service and served his term out.

And he further declares and says that in the early part of the spring of the year 1778, he entered the service of the United States as a substitute for his Brother Joseph Manning—who was drafted for the purpose of [?] one from Poughkeepsie where he resided to West Point to work on the Fort and that he did go and worked on the fort under the charge of th e Engineer (whose name he does not recollect) for eight days being at the expiration of said time dismissed from staying any longer by the said engineer.

And that on his return to Poughkeepsie he again took the place of another person who was drafted for six days to work on the Barracks at Fishkill and that he did go and worked five days, does not recollect who had command of the artificers nor the person's name for whom he was a substitute.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a Pension or Annuity except he present and he declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State. That he made application for a pension under the act of March 18, 1818 and

made proof of his service by the affidavit of Nathaniel Chatterson and believes his papers are now in the War Office. (Signed with his mark) Thomas Manning

Sworn to & Subscribed the day & year aforesaid before me. Leonard Stow,
Clerk of Essex Com Pleas

The Court propounded the following Interrogatories to the applicant as prescribed by the War Department to Wit.

1st When and in what year were you born?

2nd Have you any record of your age, and if so, where is it.

3rd Where were you living when called into the service; where have you lived since the revolutionary war, and where do you now live?

4th How were you called into the service, were you drafted and did you volunteer or were you a substitute and if a substitute for whom.

5th State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops where you served such continental & militia Regiments as you can recollect & the general circumstances of your service.

6th Did you ever receive a Discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it given & what has become of it.

For the foregoing interrogatories the above applicant made the following answers To Wit.

To the 1st he was born in Westchester about eight miles south of White Plains in the State of New York the fourteenth of September in the year 1758 as he believes.

To the 2^d he has no record of his age, it was recorded in his fathers Bible which is destroyed.

To the 3^d he resided in Poughkeepsie when he entered the service in Dutchess County New York lived there during the war and about twenty years after the close of the war, when he removed to Odletown in the province of Lower Canada the first town on the line lived there about eighteen years removed from there to Wellsborough Essex County New York where he has resided since and now resides.

To the 4th Answered in the Declaration.

To the 5 he cannot recollect any other Regiments or Continental officers that were with the Troops where he served he has stated such Gen^l circumstances as he can recollect.

To the 6 he never received a written discharge.