

Pension Application for Thomas Merritt

W.2835 (Widow: Anna) Married November 9, 1784. Thomas died Nov 23, 1834.

State of Pennsylvania

Bradford County SS.

On this 29 of September 1832 Personally appeared before me the Sub'r one of the associate Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in & for the County of Bradford & State of Pen, Thomas Merritt and resident of Troy Township in the County of Bradford & State aforesaid aged seventy four 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 provision made by the Act of Congress passed June 7, 1832.

That he was born in Feb. 13 in 1758 in New Marlborough in Ulster County in the State of New York & that he entered the service of the United States in the Revolutionary War (he thinks) in the year 1775 by volunteering as a minute man in the company commanded by Captain Stephen Case in a Regt commanded by Col. Clinton in the Militia of the State of New York & held himself in readiness with three days accoutrements & was marched to Fort Montgomery (he thinks) in July 1777 & was employed in building Fort & was in service about half a month and was dismissed at Fort Montgomery had no written discharge again (the year not recollected) he was marched to Fort Montgomery & was employed in Building said fort about half a month & was dismissed at Fort Montgomery had no written discharge he again (he thinks) in 1778 he was marched to Fort Montgomery & was employed about half a month in assisting to build Fort Montgomery & was dismissed at Fort Montgomery had no written discharge.

Some time after the last mentioned tour he was a few days at [Law?] sent to guard the fort in the absence of Garrison he was called on & marched to (the year not recollected) Mamma Kating in the State of New York to guard the frontiers & was in the service one month & was relieved by another company that arrived & were dismissed, without a written discharge & went home the year following the last mentioned tour.

He was marched to Nipenock in the State of New York to guard The frontiers & was in service about a month & was relieved by the arrival of other troops & was dismissed as before mentioned & went home he again (The year not not [sic] recollected) was march'd to Harvey Than in the State of New Jersey & was in service about half a month & was dismissed without a written discharge the next Fall (the year not recollected) he was marched to Mindners Creek & was employed in erecting Chevauxdefrise [chevaux de frise] in the river near West Point & was in service one month & was dismissed without a written discharge & that he assisted to hire several men to go into the service of the United States in the Revolutionary War towards the end of the war he lived in New Marlborough in the State of New York when he was called into service the various times.

Has no record of his age. He says his memory has so faltered that he cannot be more particular he further states that from the time he first volunteered as a minute

man he held himself in readiness & considered himself bound to go into the service of his country at any time when called on until the end of the war.

Has no documentary evidence of his service does not know as any one is having that can prove his service has no record of his age. Has lived since the Revolutionary War ---

Again in the year in which Fort Montgomery was taken he was engaged about a month on the River Hudson to prevent the British from landing as they were then on the River was dismissed without a written discharge—during his service he remained in the same company & Regt to which he was attached when he first volunteered.

He states the names of James Ward, James Merritt, Zuca Dunbar & Howard Spalding Esqr of Troy in his neighborhood as persons to whom he is known who can testify as to his character for veracity and their belief of his services as a soldier of the Revolution.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state. (Signed) Thomas Merritt

Sworn to & Subscribed the day & year aforesaid Jno. McKean Associate Judge Bradford County State of Pen.

James Merrit was borne April the 25th AD 1792.

Mary Buckhout was born January the 2nd AD 1793.

James Merritt and Mary his wif[e] was married [married] November 5th 1814.

John B. Merrit was born September the 3rd 1815 son of James and Mary.

James Merritt Junr was born Novem the 24th 1817.

Susan-ann Merritt was born Aprill [April] 12th 1820.

Samuel Merritt was born April 23rd 1822.

Thomas Merritt was born October 12th 1824.

Priscilla Mariah Merritt was born May the 9th 1827.

Jacob G. Merritt was born June 15th 1830.

Eliza Ann Merritt was born February 27th 1833.

James Merritt Sarah Elizabeth Merritt was born March February 27th 1833.