

Pension Application for Francis Nelson

S.43067

State of New York

County of Dutchess SS.

On the second day of June In the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and nineteen before me the subscriber one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas In & for the county of Dutchess in the state of New York personally appears aged sixty four years, Francis Nelson resident in the town of Clinton in said County who being by me first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the late 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", to wit.

That he the said Francis Nelson in the early part of the winter, on or about the first day of February in the year 1776 at the town of Clinton in the County of Dutchess in the State of New York enlisted in the company commanded by Capt. Abraham Swartwout in the third Regiment of the New York line, Lieut. Col. Henry B. Livingston, Col. James Clinton then commandant but soon after brigadier Genl.

That he the said Francis enlisted for the term of the year 1776. That he continued to serve in said Corps & in the actual service of the United States about eleven months at least & untill 31st day of December 1776 on which last day, the period of his inlistment [sic] expiring, he was honourably discharged at Fort Montgomery in the State of New York, by the said James Clinton, then Brig. Genl commanding at that post.

That he was a serjeant in said company of Capt. Swartwout, & was stationed at & assisted in building said Fort Montgomery. That as a volunteer he was in the skirmish preceding the battle, fought by Genl Lee at Frog's Point in the County of West Chester in said state; but was ordered on other service, with his detachment, before the battle became general.

That he is in reduced circumstances has lost the sight of both his eyes to total blindness & is in great need of the assistance of his country for support.

That he has no other evidence now in his power of his said services but the affidavits hereunto annexed.

Sworn to and declared before me the day & year aforesaid. Martinus Livingston, one of the Judges of the Common Pleas of Dutchess County.