

### **Pension Application for James Newman**

R.7627

Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress, passed June 7<sup>th</sup> 1832.  
State of New York  
Tompkins County SS.

On this day of July personally appeared in open court before the Judges of the Court of Oyer & Terminer now sitting, James Newman a resident of the town of Enfield in the county of Tompkins and state of New York, aged eighty two 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 act of Congress, passed June 7<sup>th</sup>, 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States, under the following named officers and served as herein stated.

That he lived in Salem in Westchester Co., N.Y., when he entered the service. That he volunteered soon after the commencement of the war under Capt. Samuel Delevan, in the regiment of Col. Drake for four months. That he was a Second Lieut. In the company & enlisted one half the company himself. That they marched to New York for the purpose of keeping off the Brittish [British] when their fleet lay off Staten Island. Done not recollect the year—staid in New York during the winter & was discharged in the spring when his time was out & went home. Had a discharge from Col. Drake but has lost it. He has also lost his commission—knew Generals McDougal, Lee, & Putnam in New York.

At the time of his discharge he rec'd orders to enlist men for three years—that the orders were soon after countermanded when he rec'd orders as 2d Lieut to enlist men for one year—that he accordingly enlisted half a company—about 36 men he thinks, at Salam [sic] aforesaid, to be ready to march at a minutes warning—that they kept together as a guard until the war was over—that he well recollects the burning of Danbury—that he marched on that alarm from Salam into Reading Conn from there to Ridgefield where they met the Brittish & had a fight. That his party retreated across [Kumpo?] Bridge pursued by the Brittish—had another pretty severe skirmish in which this deponent had his clothes cut with balls in four or five places—the Brittish retreated on board their shipping & the militia returned. Genl Arnold Commanded—recollects Col. Benedict, Maj Tallmadge, Maj Crane was wounded when Danbury was burnt.

Does not recollect being in any other battle but had many skirmishes with the Brittish Tories—once in particular when Bedford in Westchester Co. was burnt—marched but not in time to save the place—had a few shott [?] at the Brittish at Pound Ridge.

That he has no documentary evidence that he knows of no person except Daniel Clary whose affidavit is hereunto annexed, whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service.

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

Sworn to and subscribed, the day and year aforesaid. Saml. Sone, Clk.