

## **Pension Application for Samuel Osburn**

S.14062

Declaration. In order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June 7, 1832.

State of New York

County of Tioga SS.

On this 19<sup>th</sup> day of November 1832 personally appeared in open court before the Judges of a Court of Oyer and Terminer now sitting in the said County of Tioga, Samuel Osborn, a resident of Berkshire in the Bounty and State aforesaid, aged seventy 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, 1832.

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

That in the fore part of October of the year 1777 he volunteered under Capt. Henry Strong in the then Cortlandt's Manor, Westchester County, State of New York and marched to Peekskill in order to keep the British from taking the stores at that place, where he stayed ten days, then marched up the North River to a place called Soldiers Fortune, ( nearly opposite to Fort Montgomery, of which the Enemy had a short time before taken possession of ) where he stayed until the British on hearing of the surrender of Burgoyne, and aboned [abandoned] Fort Montgomery which they demolished, and went on board of their shipping, hoisted said, and went down the river, soon after which he was dismissed and returned home; that he was out on this tour six weeks.

That in the year 1779 about the 15<sup>th</sup> May he was called out as a Militia man, under the command of Capt. Teller, in Col. Samuel Drakes regiment at said Cortlandt's Manor where he was stationed at Crumpond; that he was often called from his station to guard the lines; that on the 24<sup>th</sup> day of June his Captain and forty seven men were taken prisoner, though this deponent was not in the action for the day before he was kicked by a horse which belonged to a deserter from the British Light Horse man, that in consequence of this he received a furlough from his Colonel and went home and stayed three days, and then returned to the service again, under the command of Capt. Joseph Vail his former 2d Lieut. And served under him on the lines, until the 15<sup>th</sup> December next following when he was dismissed and returned home; that he was in the service on this tour seven months. That in the year 1780 in the fore part of June, he was called under Capt. Vail in Col. Drake's Regiment in the said Manor, under whom he served on the lines in the county of Westchester one month and a half and was dismissed and returned home.

That in the month of September of the year 1781 he was called, again under the same officers he last before served under to guard the lines against the British Light Horsmen [Horsemen] commanded by Col. Sincoe, was kept on guard at this time four weeks, and in November of the same year, he was called under said officers and commanded by their Colonel to march, and accordingly they did march down to within

four miles of White Plains for what purpose he knows not (as it was his business to obey orders and ask no questions), was then commanded to march back again, which they did to Crumpond where they were dismissed and then returned home; that he served on this tour two weeks.

That in the month of March of the year 1782 he volunteered under the command of Col. Hull in said County of Westchester and marched to Morrisena Point and assisted in storming and burning the huts at that place; was afterwards marched back again, to the lines, or Croton River, was then dismissed and returned home, was out on this tour ten days & in the month of May of the same year, he was called out to the service as a Militia man, the company were called rangers and were under the command of Capt. Richard Sackett and Lieut Wm. Mosier in the said County of Westchester for six months; served at different places in said county where they seemed to be most wanted; that within six days of the expiration of said six months a battle was commenced between twenty four men commanded by Lieut. Mosier, he was one of them, their Captain having been taken prisoner before, and a party consisting (it was said) of three hundred British Light horsemen commanded by Col. Holmes (formerly of the American Army), in which the Light Horsemen (being situated on an eminence) discharged their carbines and pistols without killing an man, and then surrounded them (or formed a hollow square) but these having nothing but their broad swords to fight with were put to flight at the point of the bayonet; that he served after this until his time was out, was dismissed and then returned home.

That he was born in Cortlandt's Manor, Westchester County, New York (which he made his place of residence, until he was forty five years of age) in the year 1782 and that he has a record of his age in his pocket book which he took from his mother's family bible, while on a visit to her in August last. That since The Revolutionary War he has lived in said Cortlandts Manor; in Newburgh, in the County of Orange and State of New York and in the towns of Tioga & Berkshire in the counties of Tioga & from in the State of New York. (Signed) Saml Osborn

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