

Pension Application for Wendal Overocker or John Wandall

W.20287 (Widow: Anny) Married December 21, 1779, he died December 10, 1834.
Declaration. In order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.
State of New York
Tompkins County. SS.

On this twenty ninth day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty three personally appeared in open Court, before the Court of Common Pleas in and for the County of Tompkins aforesaid now sitting Wandal Overocker, a resident of the Town of Dryden in the County of Tompkins and State of New York aged seventy five years, who first being 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 7th 1832.

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

At the Town of Schaghticoke, in the County of Abany [Albany] now Rensselaer, and state of New York, in the year 1775, does not recollect the month, he was drafted, and marched to Montreal and served there two months under the command of General [blot] then was dismissed and returned home to Schaghticoke.

In the month of August in the year 1776, at the Town of Schaghticoke aforesaid he was drafted for the term of one month and marched to Fort Edward under the command of Capt. Vanderhoof and served there one month, and then was dismissed and returned home to Schaghticoke aforesaid, in the year 1777, does not recollect the month he was drafted at the Town of Schaghticoke aforesaid for the term of one month, and marched to Fort Edward thence to Fort George under the command of Captain Vanderhoof in the Regiment commanded by Col. Knickerbacker, served there one month, and was dismissed and returned home, in a few days after his return home, believes about the first of June 1777, one half of the militia was called out, at the Town of Schaghticoke, at this time he the said Wandel Overacker volunteered, under the command of Captn Henry Vanderhoof and marched to Fort Edward where Col. Knickerbacker commanded, from thence he marched to Fort George under the command of Magr Yatys thence marched back to Fort Edward, where General Schuyler commanded at that time. From thence returned to a place called [Sneates?] creek thence he marched to Stillwater—from thence to half moon near the Mowhawk [Mohawk] River there General Gates commanded them marched to Stillwater, thence to Bemus Hights and continued there about two weeks (at this time Burgoine lay with his army about three miles above Saratoga) a short time after Burguine surrendered with his army, about two weeks there after he the said (Wandal) Overocker was dismissed and returned to the Town of Schaghticoke aforesaid at which time he served five months and some days can not tell the number of days.

That he has actually served as a Revolutionary Soldier at several other times the term of one month and of two months at a time but has forgotten so that he cannot set forth particularly the times of service.

That he has no documentary evidence and that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure, who can testify to his services except Frederick Rayner, whose affidavit is here unto annexed.

That he was born in the Town [of] Oswego in the County of Dutchess and State of New York, in the year 1758.

That he has record of his age, the church book and his father's Bible.

That he resided in the Town of Schaghticoke in the County of Albany (now Rensselaer) and State of New York, when he entered the service of the United States as a soldier of the Revolution that he resided in the aforesaid Town of Schaghticoke when he left the service.

That since the Revolutionary war he has resided as follows to wit, he continued in the Town of Schaghticoke until he moved to Town of Otsego in the State of New York, resided there five years, moved from thence to the Town of Devenport in the State of New York, resided there two years thence he moved to the Town of Dryden in the County of Tompkins where he now resides.

That he was called into the service by draft and volunteer as herein above stated in his declaration of the different periods of his service.

That the names of some of the officers whom he knew were Mgr. Yayts, General Schuyler, and General Gates, General Arnold, Col. Knickerbacker—and General Tinbrooks.

That he did not receive any discharge during his services nor did he ever apply for any.

That he is known in his present neighborhood by Frederick Raymer, William Pallafs, Wm. S. Owen, Joseph Smith and Aaron bull who can testify as to his character for veracity and there belief of his services as soldier of Revolution.

He hereby relinquishes all claims whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is onto on the pension roll of the agency of any state. (Signed) Wendal Overocker

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid before me. Saml Love, Clk.