

Pension Application for Thomas Parsels or Parsells

S.23355

State of New York

County of WestChester SS.

On this ninth day of April in the year one thousand eight hundred and thirty three personally appeared before me Ezra Lockwood Esqr. one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas of the County of Wet Chester Josiah said Court is a Court of Record Thomas Parsels, a resident of the Town of Somers, in the said County aged eighty two years, in February last 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 7th 1832.

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

That some time in the month of October in the year 1776 he enlisted in a company of Artificiers, commanded by Captain Luther Kinnicutt in the Quarter Master's Department under the immediate command of Colonel Hughes, he enlisted as a private the then resided at Haverstraw—in the County of Rockland & State of New York, that he immediately joined the said Company at Peekskill in the County of West Chester, and State of New York and continued in Service in the said Company during the whole of the years 1776, 1777, and 1778.

That the above service so performed by him in the years aforesaid was performed in the Counties of Rockland and WestChester aforesaid that he was frequently called upon to perform duty at Haverstraw & Tappan in the County of Rockland that on one occasion when on duty at Haverstraw aforesaid Declarant and one Joseph Wood attacked and took prisoners three sailors who had landed from the Brittish [British] shipping and was in the act of plungering the House of William Smith at Haverstraw aforesaid. Declarant further states that he was also in service at and near PeeksKill and at various other places in the County of West Chester. That during the whole period of three years above mentioned this Declarant was kept in actual service until regularly and honorably discharged.

This Declarant knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service except Luther Kinnicutt.

The affidavit of the said Luther Kinnicutt as to service of this Declarant is hereunto annexed.

This Declarant 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 with his mark) Thomas Parsels

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid before me. Ezra Lockwood one of the Judges in and for Westchester County.