

Pension Application for William Patterson

S.28838

Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress of the 7th June 1832.

State of New York

Cayuga County SS.

On this twenty fifth day of February 1835 personally appeared before me Judge of the Court of Common Pleas of said County of Cayuga William Patterson a resident of Ira in said County aged 80 years next April 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 enlisted in the army of the United States in the company commanded by Capt. Leonard Blecker in Col. VanSchaack's [VanSchaick's] Regiment in the New York line on the 8th day of April one thousand seven hundred and seventy eight for oduring the war & continued to serve therein until its close a term of five years and a few months when he received a written discharge from said service at Newburgh in the State of New York aforesaid. That soon after his enlistment he marched to Fort Stanwix and continued til fall from thence he marched to Saratoga and Albany.

That during the year 1779 he was engaged in Sullivan's expedition against the Indians in 1780, he was in service in and about Albany and along in the neighbourhood of the Hudson River but from old age and the loss of memory he cannot state very particularly the different places where he was stationed.

That during the winter of 1781 he was in the American Camp at Morristown where the main army encamped.

That from thence he marched south into Virginia and was engaged in the battle at [Glovustin's?] heights as he believes where he was wounded very severely. That after the battle he was taken to Williamsburgh in Virginia as he believes when he continued sick of his wounds until the spring of 1782 when he was removed to Philadelphia where he continued some time and only joined his regiment to receive his discharge as aforesaid.

That he is now in the receipt of a pension as an invalid for his said wounds received in the war as aforesaid.

That his pension certificate is dated the 26th day of September 1820 and by it he is entitled to eight dollars per month. That the foregoing is a relation & account of his said services according to his best recollection. That he is now very feeble and his memory very much impaired. That after the close of the said war he drew a lot of land from the State of New York for his said services, which land lies In the neighbourhood where he now resides.

That after the close of the war he removed to Springfield Mass, from thence to Columbia County New York from thence to Pennsylvania, from thence to the said County of Cayuga about twenty four years ago where he has resided ever since. That it is but a short time since he was informed that he was entitled to a pension under the act of 7th June 1832 which is the reason of delaying this application.

He hereby relinquishes all claim whatever to a pension except the present and the invalid pension above referred to and declares that his name is not on the pension list of any State or Territory except as above stated. (Signed) Wm Patterson.

Subscribed and sworn the day and year first above written. Augt F. Ferres one of the Judges of Cayuga County Courts.