

Pension Application for Gilbert Purdy

R.20146

Declaration. In order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

State of Ohio

Richland County SS

On this 26th day of Augt 1834 personally appeared before me Gilbert Purdy a resident of the County of Richland in the State of Ohio who being by me first duly sworn according to law deposeth and saith that he is seventy six years of age and deposeth and saith that he makes the following Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provisions of the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States in the year 1776 in the month of September and served from the first of September 1776 being a service of four months, as a volunteer in the County of Dutchess in the State of New York.

That this applicant volunteered for said four months under "Capt Durlan" and Lieut "William Algar", of the county of Dutchess in the State of New York and served in a Regiment of Dutchess County Militia commanded by "Col. Clinton".

That this applicant served this Tour of four months at stations on and along the Hudson river and was marched from "Poughkeepsie" to the "White Plains". Thee was a report that the British were coming up the North River that General Washington had retreated from "Long Island" to New York and was moving with his army up the Hudson River. That this applicant was in the engagement that took place between the two armies at "White Plains" that this action was fought on the 28th of Oct. in the year 1776. That this applicant was marched the East side of the Hudson River in order to fight against the Enemy who were on the West side about to besiege "Fort Washington". That once and awhile the British would fire or discharge their cannon at the Americans but the American s were too far distant to be injured by the Enemy's fire.

That this applicant served said tour of four months under the above mentioned officers as a private soldier as above mentioned.

And this applicant says further that he was out in the service as a volunteer again under "Capt. Durlan." And served in a Regiment of Dutchess County Militia in the State of New York and served in a Division under Command of General "George Clinton", during the spring and summer and fall of the year 1777 as a volunteer for said six months, as a private soldier for the whole period of six months. That this applicant served said Tour at stations on and along the Hudson River as a guard against the encroachments of the British and to keep down the tories who were in the habit of aiding the enemy.

That while this applicant was on this tour of duty the British fleet ascended the North River and took "Fort Montgomery" and proceeded as far as "Esopus" and burnt Esopus and destroyed other flourishing villages. That this applicant with the crops in which he served was kept along certain places on the Hudson River to prevent the enemy from landing that the enemy would once and a while first a cannon at them but

this applicant served at said places and stations on the Hudson River for the periods above mentioned and at the expiration was verbally discharged from the service by his Capt as above mentioned under whom he served as above stated.

And this applicant further says that he was again in the service as a volunteer for a period of six months and joined a militia company under the command "Capt. Algar" and "Lieut Ely" that this applicant served in a regiment under Col. Clinton and served as a private soldier for said six months.

That this applicant joined a militia company on the 1st of June 1778 and served during the month of June 1778. July, August, September, October, and November of said year under said officers above named. That this six months duty was served at stations on the Hudson River at "West Point" & "Esopus" that this applicant was marched from "West Point" to a place near "Bronces River" where they met a party of the British. These parties were styled "Flanking parties" that they had a skirmish with the flanking British party in which one or two of the British light horsemen were shot and killed by our party.

That this applicant during this tour of duty was marched to "White Plains", to from a junction with Genl Washington's Army. That this applicant at the expiration of his said tour of six months was verbally discharged from the service by his said Capt above mentioned under whom he served as above mentioned.

And this applicant further states that he was in one other tour of service for three months, as a volunteer under command of "Capt. Algar" in the militia of "Dutchess County" under Co. Clinton and served said tour as a private soldier for said three months. That this applicant joined a company of militia on the 4th of July 1779 and served until the 4th or 5th of October of said year under said officers above named.

That this three months of duty was served at places between the "White Plains" and a place called "Valentine Hills" where a body of British lay that whilst this applicant was on this tour of duty the British and American scouts would meet sometimes & have skirmishes but this applicant does not recollect whether any were killed, but he recollects that some were wounded.

That this applicant with the corps in which he served were obliged to be extremely vigilant In order to keep out of the capture of the British.

That this applicant at the expiration of his said tour of three months was verbally discharged from the service by his said Capt. under whom he served said term of three months. That this applicant served said periods above named as a private soldier and served in all his revolutionary services a period of one year and seven months as above mentioned.

And this applicant further says that no living witness can be had or procured to prove the above services or any part thereof and that he was not at anytime engaged in any civil pursuit whatever but was wholly devoted to the army as above mentioned.

Interrogatories

1st When and where were you born?

Ans. I was born in West Chester County in the state of New York in the year 1758.

2nd Have you any record of your age?

Ans. I have no record I know my age from a record kept by my brothers in a family Bible and said Bible together with said record was destroyed or worn out about thirty five years ago and now it is out of my power to produce any record of my age.

3^d Where were you living when you entered the service, where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

Ans. When I entered the service I lived in the County of Dutchess in the State of New York and since the Revolutionary War I lived in Ulster Co., in the State of New York and now live in the County of Richland in the state of Ohio where I have resided for Eighteen years past.

4th How were you called into the service.

Ans. I volunteered for the periods as I have above stated.

5th Did you ever receive a written discharge from the service.

Ans. I never received any written discharge from the service.

6th Did you ever receive a commission during the service.

Ans. I never did but served the periods above mentioned as a private soldier making a Revolutionary Service of Nineteen months as above stated.

7th State the names of some of the officers who served with you.

Ans Capt. Durlan, Lieut Algar, Col. Clinton, General George Clinton, Capt. Algan all of whom served with me during the above periods of my service.

8th State the names of some persons in your present neighborhood who can testify to your character for truth and their belief of your services.

Ans. I will name Thomas Musgrave, Joseph Musgrave, Dr. Armstrong, Revd John Cos, John Scott. (Signed) Gilbert Purdy

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 26th day of August 1834. Daniel S. Swimey, Associate Judge.