

Pension Application for Richard Severson

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

State of New York

Cortland County SS.

On this 2d day of October 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas, in and for the County of Cortland now sitting which is a Court of Record, Richard Severson, a resident of the Town of Preble, in the said County & said State—aged seventy seven 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 7th 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States, under the following named officers, and served as herein stated—that in the month of May or June in the year seventeen hundred and seventy five he volunteered, or was called out, in the Militia of the State of New York, in the Army of the Revolution in the Company Commanded by Captain Philip Bronk, Lieutenant Conrad Bronk & Lieutenant Tryon belonged to the same company—he went from Coxsackie, in the County of Greene, with the said company in scouting parties, to fight the Tories and Indians from twenty to thirty miles from said Coxaskie at different times in the whole year, some of the time he stood Guard as Sentry [?] in those days to protect property, Boats, &C. That in the year seventeen hundred and seventy six he volunteered for the term of three months under Captain Henry VanBergen of Coxsackie aforesaid—he went from said Coxsackie, through Albany and so up the Mohawk River to Johnstown & Stone Arabia he was stationed at different places along the Valley of the Mohawk the whole time—he went away in the month of May and returned home in August after when he was honorably discharged, verbally by Captain VanBergen aforesaid, having served honestly and faithfully the full term of three months for which he enlisted—that in the month of September after he volunteered under Lieutenant Leonard Bronk & Lieutenant Tryon for the term of three months to go to Fort Edward in the State of New York, and he did go with the said company to Fort Edward staid one month, then hired a substitute by the name of John Jones and paid him twenty six dollars to serve my time out, which he did—he said Severson never received any equivalent for the same—he says he was taken sick which was the reason of his hiring a substitute—

That in the year seventeen hundred and seventy seven he again volunteered in the Month of May, under Captain Myndert VanSchaick for the term of five months – he went from Coxsackie aforesaid, through Albany to Saratoga and the most direct route to Bemus'es Heights (so called). Lieutenant Bonk & Anthony VanBergen was the Colonel of the Regiment he was present when Colonel Benedict Arnold was wounded at the Battle of the taking of General Burgoyne's Army he knew General Lincoln, General Schuyler and General gates, while there—that in the year seventeen hundred and seventy eight he again volunteered as enlisted under Captain Thomas Houghtaling of said Coxsackie for the term of three months—he went from Coxsackie directly to Schoharie in the State of New York where he was stationed pretty much all the time til he was honorably discharged by Captain VanSchaick, having served the full term of three months, for which he engaged—that in the year seventeen hundred and seventy nine he again enlisted or volunteered for the term of six months under Captain Philip Carrin and Lieutenant Peter VanBergen of Coxsackie aforesaid he went from said Coxsackie to a place called Kiskadomnatia about twenty miles from said Coxsackie, he remained there and out in Scouting parties the whole time, he was honorably discharged at Coxsackie by Captain Carrin aforesaid he thinks in December or January seventeen hundred and eighty, he went in May or Jun the year 1779—he says that he served, at different times in the army of the Revolution as a Private Soldier more than two years. He was born in seventeen hundred and fifty five at Coxsackie aforesaid, he has a record of his age at his house in Preble, from Coxsackie aforesaid he moved to Preble where he now resides—he says Matthew Harrison & Jabez B. Phelps, can testify to his character for truth and veracity and their belief of his

services in the Army of the Revolution. He says that John VanSchaick & James Bronk of Coxsackie (if living) are knowing to some of his services in the Revolution I never had a written discharge, but was always discharged verbally. He 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) Richard Severson.

Sworn the day & year aforesaid. Samuel Hotchkiss Jr. Clerk