

## Pension Application for William Silkworth

W.24964 (Widow: Nancy)

Captain Case, Col. Hornbeck

Declaration of William Silkworth in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress of the 7<sup>th</sup> June 1832.

State of New York

Ulster County SS.

On this twelfth day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty two personally appeared in open court before the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas of the County of Ulster aforesaid now sitting William Silkworth now a resident of the town of Kingston and County of Ulster aforesaid aged seventy one 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 7, 1832.

That he was born in the town of Marlborough in the County of Ulster aforesaid.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served in the manner and at the times hereinafter stated.

That sometime in June in the year 1778 he was called out at Marlborough in said county of Ulster on an alarm with the rest of his regiment under the command of Colonel Hornbeck in a company commanded by Captain Case and proceeded under the command of their said Colonel through the village of NewBurgh in Orange County to Fort Montgomery near which fort they lay and remained for the space of eight or ten days. after which they returned to West Point on the west side of the River Hudson where after remaining two or three days he together with the rest of his company were regularly discharged after a service of about two weeks. The Governor Clinton, General Washington and Arnold were at West Point at the time of his said discharge.

That a number of his neighbours and townsmen accompanied him in this expedition among them were living an Allan Lester and Henry Bush of Marlborough in said County of Ulster—Both or one of whom he hopes to be able to obtain to support this portion of this his declaration.

And this deponent farther says that in the month of October in the year 1778 he was drafted at Marlborough aforesaid in a company of New York Militia commanded by Captain Case. That this deponent marched with his said company commanded by Captain Case to the village of NewBurgh in Orange County where they crossed the river Hudson and proceeded to join their regiment under the command of Colonel Haythorne then lying at Fishkill in Dutchess County, State of New York aforesaid and remained there in the service of his country for the full term of one month when he was regularly discharged.

That a number of his neighbours and townsmen accompanied him in this expedition among whom now living is Henry Bush of Marlborough Ulster County aforesaid whose testimony this deponent hoped to obtain in support of this his declaration but is unable.

And this deponent farther saith that sometime in the spring of the year 1779 he was again drafted in Marlborough in said County of Ulster & went in company with several of his neighbours and townsmen to Naponagh in Ulster County aforesaid then a frontier settlement and at Neponagh he joined the company of New York Militia under the command of Captain Ostrander and remained there in the service of his country and under the command of the said captain to protect the inhabitants from the incursions of the Indians for at least the period of two weeks when he was regularly discharged and returned home.

That he believes all who accompanied him in that expedition are dead or if living they do not reside in this vicinity and he therefore is not able to procure the testimony of any of his fellow soldiers in that service.

And this deponent further says that sometime in the summer of 1779 he was again drafted as a militia man at Marlborough aforesaid and from thence proceeded in company with some of his

neighbours and townsmen to Lurens Kill in said County of Ulster and there joined a company under the command of Captain Arthur Smith and remained there about one week when he accompanied his aid company to Neponagh where he remained until he was regularly discharged about one week after his arrival at Neponagh aforesaid—Having in this expedition here in the service of his country for at least two weeks.

That several of his neighbours accompanied him in this expedition among whom now living in this vicinity is Isaac McNitt.

And this deponent further saith that sometime in the year 1780 or 81 he was again drafted as Marlborough aforesaid and proceeded with some of his friends and neighbours to the frontiers as they there were in the western part of this county and then joined a company under the command of Captain Conklin and remained there in the service of his country to protect the inhabitants from the incursions of the Indians along Neponagh and Warwasing for the term of at least two weeks when he was regularly discharged & returned home.

And this deponent farther says that he cannot without considerable expense and trouble to himself obtain the evidence of any person accompanying him in this expedition.

And this deponent further saith that in the early part of April in the year 1782 he enlisted at Marlborough aforesaid for the term of nine months to serve along the frontiers of said county of Ulster. That he left Marlborough in company with some of his friends and neighbours and went to Shawangunk in said County of Ulster, where they passed muster—after which they proceeded to Rochester in said County of Ulster where they joined their company under the command of Captain Hornbeck of which company VanWyck and Johnson were the Lieutenants—and that he remained in the service of his country in said company along the frontiers for the space of nine months and was regularly discharged in the latter part of December of that same year and this deponent distinctly recollects that he returned home on New Years Day.

That several of his neighbours and townsmen accompanied him in this expedition among whom now living are Henry Kettle and Anthony Yelverton in this vicinity one of whom this deponent will obtain to testify to this service as aforesaid.—

And this deponent further saith that he was born at Marlborough in the County of Ulster aforesaid. That he was living at that place where he was drafted and enlisted in the services herein before mentioned. That he has since the revolutionary war reside4d at various places namely Marlborough aforesaid , New York City and Kingston in the County of Ulster aforesaid at which last mentioned place he now resides and has resided for about four months.

That he has no written or documentary evidence of his services and that he never received any written discharge except at the time he was discharged from his service in the fall of the year 1778 at Fishkill in Dutchess County aforesaid but that his said discharge has since been lost and he is not able to produce the same but he will be able he hopes to substantiate his services or most of them by the evidence of some of the soldiers of the revolution now yet living as they are herein set forth.

And this deponent 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 any agency of any state.

And this deponent further says that he has obtained the evidence of Isaac Merrit and Allen Lester and Anthony Yelverton to a portion of his services as herein before stated but he is not able with a great expense and trouble to himself obtain any more evidence in support of the several service herein stated.

And this deponent further states that having resided in Kingston his present residence for such a short space of time that he has found no particular acquaintances & has therefore obtained as certificate from some of his former neighbours and [?] as to his credibility. (Signed) William Silkworth

Sworn & Subscribed before us 12<sup>th</sup> Sept. 1832. A.B. Hardenbergh, John Jansen, Abm. A. Deyo, Judges &c.

Letter in the file dated September 3, 1937.

Reference is made to your letter in which you request the records of your ancestors, Thomas and William Silkworth, of Marlborough, New York, soldiers of the Revolutionary War.

There is no claim for pension or bounty land on file based upon the military service in the Revolutionary War of a Thomas Silkworth. Such claims are the source of the data furnished by this office.

It is suggested that as a possible means of obtaining information in regard to the military service of that soldier, you apply to the Adjutant General, War Department, this city, who is custodian of military records.

The data which follow are obtained from the papers on file in Revolutionary War pension claim, W.24964, based upon the military service in that war of William Silkworth.

William Silkworth was born at Marlborough, Ulster County, New York. The date of his birth and names of his parents are not shown.

While residing at said Marlborough, William Silkworth enlisted and served as a private with the New York troops, as follows: from June 1778, two weeks in Captain Case's Company, Colonel Hornbeck's Regiment; from October 1778 one month in Captain Case's Company, Colonel Hathorn's Regiment; from the spring of 1779, two weeks in Captain Ostrander's Company; from the summer, from the summer of 1779, two weeks in Captain Arthur Smith's Company; from sometime in 1780 or 1781, two weeks in Captain Conckling's Company; from April 1782, nine months in Captain Hornbeck's Company; almost all of his service was rendered on the frontiers of Ulster County, protecting the inhabitants from the Indians.

After the Revolution, William Silkworth lived in Marlborough, New York, in New York City and in Kingston, New York.

He was allowed pension on his application executed September 12, 1832, at which time he was aged seventy-one years and lived in Kingston, New York, where he had lived four months.

He died June 2, 1835, in New York City.

The soldier married July 23, 1783, at Marlborough, New York, Nancy Lester, date and place of her birth and names of her parents not shown. They were married by the Reverend James Phillips, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Fishkill, New York.

Soldier's widow, Nancy, was allowed pension on her application executed October 1, 1838, at which time she was aged seventy-seven years and lived in New York City.

No reference was made to children.