

Pension Application for David Silsbe

S.33669

Captain Pell, Col. VanCortland
District of New Jersey SS.

On this twenty ninth day of November in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty five personally appeared in open court before the Judges of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas in and for the county of Sussex in the State of New Jersey the said court being a court of record in the said county being constituted by the Laws of this state a court of record having a seal proceeding according to the course of the common law having power to fine and imprison with jurisdiction unlimited in point of amount in civil causes and keeping a record of its proceedings David Silsbe of the age of sixty six years resident in the township of Frankford in the said county of Sussex and State of New Jersey who being duly sworn according to Law in open court upon his oath makes the following declaration in order to obtain the provisions made by the acts of Congress of the 18th March 1818 and the 1st May 1820 that he the said David Silsbe enlisted in the month of January in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and seventy six at a place called Kakiat in the County of Orange in the State of New York in the company commanded by Captain Samuel Pell in the Second New York Regiment commanded by Colonel Philip VanCourtland in the Continental Establishment for the term of Three Years but was returned as enlisted during the war that he served four years in the said company and regiment in all the said Captain Pell and Colonel Philip VanCourtland on the continental Establishment that then having transferred to the company commanded by Captain Charles Graham in the same Second New York Regiment commanded by the said Philip VanCourtland that he continued to serve in the said corps in the Continental Establishment in the service of the United States until he was taken sick at Valley Forge in the State of Pennsylvania in the fall of the year—one thousand seven hundred and eighty two and was then and there discharged from the said service after having served the said term of three years and more that he was in the battle of Peekskill, White Plains, Monmouth, Eutaw Springs and that he hath not now any other evidence of his service that the affidavit of James Dickins taken before Jesse Fell one of the Associate Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in and for the County of Luzerne in the State of Pennsylvania dated the tenth day of September eighteen hundred and twenty five and certified by the Prothonotary of the said County the original where of is hereunto annexed, that he hereby relinquishes every claim whatsoever to a pension except the present that his name is not on the pension roll of any state that he did in the year of our Lord one thousand Eight hundred and Eighteen make application to John Pustin Esq to procure him a pension that this deponent was informed that he must procure some evidence of his services which he has not been able to procure until now and in pursuance of the act of 1st May 1820 I do solemnly swear that I was a resident citizen of the United States on the 18th day of march 1818 and that I have not since that time by fits, sale or in any manner disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions of an act of Congress entitled "An Act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War" passed on the 18th of March 1818 and that I have not nor has any person interest for me any property or securities contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed and this deponent saith that he is sixty six years of age that he is by occupation a labourer but by reason of his age and infirmity is unable to pursue the same to much advantage or to procure for himself a competent support that he has no family residing with him that this deponent makes his home at the house of his daughter Nancy but works about in the neighbourhood by day & works when he is able to so do but on account of old age the Rheumatism and lameness in his back he is unable to work to much advantage and that he considers himself unable to support himself without the assistance of his country except by public or private charity that since the 18th of March 1818 there has been no changes made

in his property. I have neither bought or sold any except necessaries for my family use such as provisions and clothing for my self and family—Sworn to and subscribed in open court this 27th day of November AD 1825. (Signed) David Silsbet

John Pustin

Schedule of the property referred to in the foregoing affidavit of David Silsbe necessary clothing and bedding for himself and family excepted. Real estate—I have none.

Personal property—one axe, one broad hoe, one chest.-- (Signed) David Silsbe

Sworn and subscribed in open court the 29th day of November AD 1825. John Pustin