

Pension Application for Isaac Simpson

S.28884

Private, Captain Clark, Col. Birdsall

State of New York

Dutchess County SS.

On this thirtieth day of September in the year one thousand eight hundred and thirty three personally appeared in open court before the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in & for the County of Dutchess now sitting Isaac Simpson a resident of the town of Union Vale in the County of Dutchess and State of New York 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 he was born in the town of Beekman (then called Beekman's Precinct) in the County of Dutchess and State of New York on the 10th day of November in the year one thousand seven hundred and fifty six, that he has no record of his age but that his information thereof is derived from the family bible of his father which is now lost or destroyed, that he was living in said town of Beekman when called into service lives now in the town of Union Vale (originally part of Beekman) and has lived in said towns of Union Vale & Beekman ever since the Revolutionary War except about the period of ten years during which time he resided in the Town of Queensbury now in the County of Warren in said State of New York, that in the spring of the year 1776 the precise date he cannot give he enlisted and served as a private under Captain William Clark in the minute service in the City of New York & in the County adjacent thereto, that Benjamin [?] was Lieutenant in said company, that he marched to Fishkill Landing, & there entered on board of a sloop & sailed to New York City & there found his company, that he entered the service as a volunteer for three months & after remaining & doing duty for the said period of three months for which he enlisted he was discharged by his Captain by parol—

That in the summer of the year 1776 and soon after he was discharged from the Minute service he volunteered as a private for four months in the [?] service under his former Captain William Clark that he marched with his company to Haverstraw Bay and PeekKill and remained and did duty as a private in said Company for four months in the County of WestChester in Peekskill & the vicinity thereof when he received a verbal discharge from his captain & returned home—That in the fall of the year 1777 he again volunteered as a private soldier in Captain Israel Vails Company and as he believes Col. VanRensalaer's Regiment for three months & did duty as a soldier under Captain Israel Vail in the vicinity of White Plains for the said period of three months & was again verbally discharged by his Captain. That in the year 1778 he volunteered as a private in the company of Captain Joshua Champlain & went & done duty as a soldier for one month and a half at least at Fort Constitution where he was verbally discharged by his Captain & told that he might return home—that in 1779 he volunteered as a private and served one month at West Point under Colonel Benjamin Birdsall, that by reason of his loss of memory he cannot now recollect the name of his Captain that he was discharged either by his Captain or Colonel Birdsall verbally & that he never received a written discharge, that the whole period of his service as a soldier of the Revolution was not less than & a 12 ½ months, and for such service he asked a pension, that he has no documentary evidence of his service and knows of no persons except those whose affidavits are annexed that he can procure to testify to his service in the Revolutionary War.

That he is know in his present neighborhood to Joshua Brownell & James Whl acting Justices of the Peace of the Town of Union Vale & Dr. Stoddard Judd, Post Master in said Town, and with Gabriel L. VanderBurgh & James W. DeLaney Justices of the Peace of the Town of Beekman & with Thomas Andrews of the Town of Union Vale & others who can testify to his character for truth & veracity and their belief of his services as a soldier of the Revolution, that he is not acquainted with any clergyman in

his vicinity & therefore can procure none to testify to his character for truth & veracity, and has to rely upon other respectable witnesses. 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) Isaac Simpson.

Sworn to & subscribed in open court this thirtieth day of September 1833. Harry Traver, Clerk