

Pension Application for John Simpson

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Private, Captain Hardenberg, Colonel Wiesenfeldt.

State of New York

Ulster County SS.

On this twelfth day of January 1830 personally appeared in open court being a court of record for the County of Ulster aforesaid John Simpson resident in said County aged about seventy years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the acts of Congress of the 18th March 1818 and the 1st of May 1820 that he the said John Simpson enlisted for the term of nine months in the spring of the year 1780 in the State of New York in the Company commanded by Captain John L. Hardenbergh in the regiment commanded by Colonel George Wissenvelt in the line of the State of New York on the continental establishment that he continued to serve in the said corps until the expiration of said term of nine months when he was discharged from the service in the town of Marbletown in the County of Ulster in the State of New York, that he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension except the present that his name if not on the roll of any state except New York and that the following are the reasons for not making earlier application for a pension are as follows I did not know until the last two years that I was entitled to a pension that I was told I must get witnesses to prove that I served in the war within the last year when I resided in the town of Mamakating in Sullivan County I found John Divine who was a soldier with me and who now draws a pension I procured his affidavit and since then poverty and sickness has prevented me from making application until the present time—and in pursuance of the Act of the 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 gift sale or in any manner disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent hereby 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 day of March 1818 and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property or security, 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, that since the 1st March 1818 no changes have been made in my property except about two years ago every thing I had was burnt up before that event I was much better off with respect to property than I am now. (Signed with his Mark) John Simpson

Sworn to and declared on the twelfth day of January 1830 before me A.D. Soper First Judge of Ulster County Courts.

Schedule of the property of John Simpson hereto annexed. I rent a house for which I pay ten dollars a year besides my clothing and bedding I have one axe, one kettle, two platters and a cup, two knives, and forks and all put together, not worth more than five dollars. I have my second wife about twenty six years old and three children, the oldest about five years old and the youngest one year old last month. I have no other means of support but what I and my wife earn by daily labour. (Signed with his mark) John Simpson.