

Pension Application for Mathew Simpson

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New Jersey, New York

State of New York

Washington County SS.

On this twenty ninth day of August in the year eighteen hundred & thirty two personally appeared in open court before the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas now sitting at Salem in said County Mathew Simpson a resident of Salem in the county of Washington in the 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 & the provisions thereof passed 7th June 1832.

That he enlisted in the army of the United States at Johnstown in the State of New York with what was then called (as he thinks) the "Jersey Blues" and (as he also thinks) commanded by Colonel VanDick in the line of the State of New York for the term of three years (as he thinks) & remained in the service in said regiment as near as he can recollect one year & an half, when being at Albany as waiter to Colonel VanDick who was at that time sick of being displeased with the company of the "Jersey Blues" through the agency of Captain Hawkins got a discharge from the regiment before mentioned and enlisted in the company of Captain Hawkins in the regiment which (he thinks) was commanded by either Colonel Schuyler or Colonel Yates of the line of the state of New York at Albany and continued for the whole of said tour in the service in said company & regiment, being stationed most of the time at West Point but frequently marching to Albany & the surrounding places and that he was once but cannot recollect at what time at White Plains in the said company at the Battle at that place & was engaged in the whole of that battle with small arms fighting and once at a place called Covus Kill a few miles west of Schoharie in a skirmish which took place between two scouting parties, but cannot recollect the date of any of the above enlistments or of the Battle or Skirmish above spoken of or the time he was discharged from the service though he received a written discharge from Captain Hawkins at West Point at the expiration of his term of service, nor is he sure that he served in the regiment commanded by the colonel above mentioned. Nor can he now recollect the names of the captain or under officers under whom he first enlisted—and that he has not preserved his discharge & has no documentary evidence of his service—And further he says that he could neither read or write at the time of said service & that his memory has now become very poor so that he cannot recollect many circumstances & dates which were formerly known to him and cannot from his recollection state either the number of the regiments or names of the officers with which he served but is quite certain that the service as he has above stated is correct—And he hereby relinquishes all claim whatever to any pension or annuity except the present & declares that his name is not (to his knowledge) on the pension roll of the agency of any state. (Signed with his mark) Mathew Simpson

Sworn & subscribed in open court the day and year first above said. J. S. Serge?