

Pension Application for James Simson or Simpson

W.19361 (Widow: Hannah)

B.L.Wt. 7095-160-55

Private, Capt. Clark, Col. Dubois.

State of New York

Columbia County SS.

On the seventeenth day of September, one thousand eight hundred and thirty two, personally appeared in open court before the Justices Court in the City of Hudson now sitting James Simpson a resident of the town of Chatham in the County of Columbia & State of New York aged seventy eight years the twelfth day of August last, who being first 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 seventh one thousand eight hundred and thirty-two.

That this deponent entered the service of the United States in the volunteer service under the following named officers and served as herein stated to wit.

Minute Service.

Enlisted at Fishkill Dutchess County New York (where this applicant resided) the ninth day of April 1775 and left the service the seventh day of September following. Enlisted under Captain William Clark who at that time resided at Chestnut Ridge in the County of Dutchess aforesaid. Was called during this term near to the City of New York and was absent on the tour six weeks—during which he remained at said place

Ranging Service

Enlisted at Fishkill Dutchess County New York (where this deponent resided) about the twelfth day of May 1776 and left the twentieth day of November following. This applicant does not recollect the Captain under whom he resided or any of the officers—During a part of this term this applicant was chosen to attend to the prisoners at Poughkeepsie Goal where he carried meet and [?] to the prisoners and he having been absent a part of the time above mentioned, in that service, does not now recollect the names of any of the officers.

Standing Forces

Enlisted at Fishkill Dutchess County before named and where this deponent still resided the first day of March in the year 1777 (as will be seen by Vandenburgs Certificate annexed) and left the service the twenty eighth day of April 1778. Enlisted under Ensign Henry Vanderburgh, Johnson the Captain of said company having been taken at the battle at Fort Montgomery in October '77 and which said battle James Simpson this applicant was also in.

This deponent further saith that he was born in the town of Fishkill in the County of Dutchess aforesaid in the year 1754. That he has a record of his age in possession of his sister residing in the town of Nassau, Rensselaer County—That he lived in the town of Fishkill where he was called into service in each of the above towns.

That he removed from the said town of Fishkill to the town of Nassau Rensselaer County in the year 1782, and in 1794 moved from said town of Nassau to the town of Chatham in the County of Columbia where this deponent has since resided—

That this deponent was a volunteer during the whole of the above terms of service in the above specified, in the 5th Regt. Captain William Clark, Lieutenant Cay & Lieutenant Dodge were in the service first above mentioned and in the last above mentioned tours were Captains Johnson (taken) Colonel Dubois, Harry Vandenberg a cousin of Henry Vandenburgs whose certificate is annexed, the said Johnson, Dubois & both the Vandenburgs were regular officers in the troops—This applicant has no documentary evidence except the annexed certificate of Vandenburgs—Knows of no one who can testify to his service whose testimony can now be annexed.

During the above service this deponent marched from Fort Montgomery to New Winsor [Windsor] in the west side of the north river & from Windsor to Fishkill barracks, where he remained during a part of the winter of 1778 and in the spring of 1778 marched to Peekskill to said county of Dutchess at which place a substitute was appointed in the place of said applicant in the place of this applicant, his health having been very impaired an account of an attack of the measles during the march of the troops which march together with this [?] attack had so far returned this deponent that he was unable to march farther.

This deponent has never received a discharge from the service—That Dennis Harder and Jesse Steves have been for a great number of years well acquainted with this deponent & can testify to his character for truth & veracity and their belief as to this deponents having been a soldier in the volunteer service of the United States—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 the agency of any state. (Signed) James Simson

Sworn to & subscribed the 17th day September 1832.