

## Pension Application of William Skellie

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Private, Captain Ball, Colonel Malcom

State of New York, Washington County SS. On this 29<sup>th</sup> day of August 1832, personally appeared in open court before John Willard Esqr, first Judge of the Court of Common Pleas of the County of Washington and State of New York and John Morse, Benjamin F. Skinner & Charles I Ingalls, Judges of said court now sitting William Skellie a resident of the Town of Fort Edward in the said County and State aged 71 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 7<sup>th</sup> 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated.

That some time in the month of April 1778 he enlisted in the Town of Cambridge in the County of Washington and State of New York, under Capt. Stephen Ball for nine months—That he was marched to Albany, from thence went down the Hudson to West Point—That he was employed the first three or four months on the river at West Point in tending the ferry and transporting the officers and soldiers of the Continental Army from one side of the river to the other—from thence was put on board a National vessel carrying eight guns and was employed the residue of his nine months at and about West Point in looking out for the enemy and guarding the river.—That at West Point he had some knowledge of Col. Malcomb and Genl Glover—the officers who had command of the vessel on board of which he served he has forgotten.

That about the 3d April 1779, he again enlisted in the City of Albany under Capt. Vischer he thinks Col. Hay commanded the party to which he belonged for nine months—his employment consisted in transporting continental troops from Albany and other places on the Hudson River to West Point and in that vicinity, and also in carrying provisions, hay, boards and other things for the army from Albany & Waterford to West Point—That he served his term out and was discharged—That he did not serve any part of the space 18 months on the land, but was employed serving the whole of said term on the Hudson river as is above stated, and he thinks it must have been in the marine service—That he does not know whether said service was in the Continental line or in the Militia—nor can he now remember more particularly than is here stated the names of his officers—He thinks Capt. Vischer of Albany was a Continental officer and Also Col. Hay—That he did serve in the war of the Revolution, the United States as a soldier, eighteen months and which services are above stated.—

That he was born in Scotland on the 11<sup>th</sup> December 1761—came to the United States in 1774—landed in N. York, and from thence to Cambridge in Washington County in said State where he resided till 1793—thence moved to Argyle thence to Fort Edward, where he now resides—has a record of his age in his Bible—has no discharge from service, nor does remember of receiving one—resided in the aforesaid town of Cambridge where he first enlisted, and was in Albany when he enlisted the second time—is known in his neighbourhood by John Smith, Rev. George Maris and others—is 71 years of age.

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) William Skellie

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid. J. S. Leigh Clk.