

Pension Application for Jonathan Skinner

S.42303

State of New York

Madison County SS.

On this sixteenth day of April 1818, before me the Subscriber one of the Judges of the Court of Common pleas in & for the County of Madison, personally appears Jonathan Skinner aged fifty five years & upward resident in the town of Hamilton in the County of Madison, aforesaid who being by me first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath, make the following declaration, in order to obtain the provision made by the late Act of Congress, entitled, "An Act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land & naval service of the United States in the revolutionary War"; That he the said Jonathan Skinner enlisted for the term of nine months, in the town of New Lebanon, in the State of new York, in the month of April (deponent believes) 1779, in the company commanded by Captain Hamtrick (1) (so spoken), in the fifth New York Regiment commanded by Colonel Dubois and New York Line. That he continued to serve in the said corps or in the service of the United States until about the first of January 1780 (2) when he was discharged from service about three miles from Morristown in the State of New Jersey, having served out the term of nine months for which he enlisted. That deponent, on reflection, thinks that the time of his enlistment was about the first of April or last part of March 1779. That part of the said term he was in the service against the Indians under General [John] Sullivan, (3) & was in a skirmish with them at Newtown (4) on the Chemung river, but in no considerable battle in this term of service. That before this term, he had several shorter tours, & was at the taking of Burgoyne. (5) That after the said nine months in 1779 he had another tour of service. That he received a discharge in writing which is lost. That he is in reduced circumstances, & Stand in need of the assistance of his Country for support--& has no other evidence now in his power, of his said services. (Signed) Jonathan Skinner

Sworn to & declared before me the day & year aforesaid. Nath'l King, Judge as aforesaid.

State of New York

Herkimer County SS.

On this 4th day of May 1824 personally appeared in Open Court to wit a Court of Common Pleas in and for the county aforesaid, being a Court of Record and Constituted as such by the laws and Statues of said state Jonathan Skinner aged Sixty two years and a resident of the Town of Frankford [Frankfort] in the county aforesaid 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 of March 1818 and the first of May 1820 and the first of March 1823 that he the said Jonathan Skinner Enlisted for the term of nine months, in the Town of New Lebanon in the State of New York the last of March or the first of April 1779 in the Company commanded by Captain Hamtramik (so called) in the fifth New York Regiment Commanded by Colonel Dubois of the said New York Regiment on the Continental Establishment that he continued to serve in the said Corps or in the service of the United States until sometime in January 1780 and until his nine months Enlistment Expired and then he was discharged at Morristown in the State of New Jersey and that part of said term he was in the service against the Indians under General Sullivan & was in a skirmish with them at Newtown on the Chenango River, But in no considerable battle during this period of Service and that he has no other Evidence now in his power of his said Services and in pursuance of the act of the first of May 1820 I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift or sale or in any manner disposed of my property or any part thereof with Intent thereby so to diminish it and to bring myself within the provision of an act of Congress Entitled "An Act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States on 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 money or Securities 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.

No real Estate whatever—personal property to wit—
One small farrow Cow \$10
One Small Goat 1—50—
2 poor beds and bedding 20—00—
Kitchen furniture worth about 10—00—
One bible one psalm book and two or three other old books may be worth 1—50
One piece of toe Cloth worth about 5—

\$48.00

One suit of Common Sunday Clothing for myself and one everyday suit—I have a wife about fifty one years of age—and middling healthy. She has an every day suit of Clothing & a spare suit—I owe to different persons in the County of Herkimer about forty Dollars and am very weakly and not able to earn a living and no relations that are able to support me. (Signed) Jonathan Skinner

Sworn & Subscribed before me this 4th day of May 1824. John Mahon Judge of Herkimer County.

End Notes—S.42303—Jonathan Skinner

1. Jonathan enlisted as a private for nine months on May 6, 1779 in Captain John F. Hamtramick's Sixth Company in Colonel Lewis DuBois' Fifth New York Continental Regiment.
2. He was discharged on January 1, 1780 at Morristown, New Jersey. Jonathan escaped a winter at Morristown that was more cold and snow than the one at Valley Forge, Pennsylvania during the winter of 1777-1778.
3. Major General John Sullivan and Brigadier General James Clinton each respectfully raised an army of Continental and militia troops and Oneida Allies. They joined forces in Pennsylvania and marched against the Iroquois Villages in Western New York.
4. There were several skirmishes but the only battle was at Newtown (now Elmira, NY) on August 29, 1779. Lieutenant Colonel John Butler and Captain Joseph Brant manned breastworks to repel the American troops but once Sullivan's Artillery fired at them, the Indians retreated and Butler with what white troops he had was heavily outnumbered and also retreated.
5. Lieutenant General John Burgoyne with a mixed force of the British Regulars, German Mercenaries, Canadians, Loyalists, and Indians loyal to the British invaded the Hudson Valley heading from Canada towards Albany. After several battles and skirmishes were fought General Burgoyne surrendered the remnants of his army to the American Major General Horatio Gates on October 17, 1777. A Jonathan Skinner appears as a private in Captain Nicholas Staats' Company in Colonel Killian VanRensselaer's Fourth Regiment of Albany County Militia. They were involved in the Burgoyne Campaign and were part of Brigadier General Abraham TenBroeck's Albany County Militia Brigade.