

## Pension Application for Josiah Skinner

S.23919

Private, Captain White, Col. Waterman

State of New York

County of Herkimer SS.

On this the 3<sup>d</sup> day of September 1832, before Sherman Wooster a Judge of Herkimer Com. Please came Josiah Skinner of the town of Fairfield in the County of Herkimer and State of New York; aged eighty six years, who being sworn according to law doth, on his oath, make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provisions of the Act of Congress passed 7 June 1832— That he was born in the town of Sharon County of Hartford, in the State of Connecticut, and was living in the town of New Lebanon, County of Albany and State of New York at the time of the commencement of the revolutionary war and that he enlisted in the service of the United States in the New York State Line [?] under the following named officers and served as herein stated. (to wit) That he enlisted for nine months service in the New York State troops under Capt. White or Whiting, Lieut Mudge, was stationed at Fort George, and served out the whole of the nine months for which he enlisted, was not in any battle was employed in building and repairing Forts & c. and carrying provisions to Ticonderoga, and served a part of the time by order of the commander, as an orderly Sergeant, had no written discharge but when he was dismissed he returned home to the town of New Lebanon does not recollect in what year this service was rendered, but he believes it was in the year 1775—And the said Josiah Skinner further declares that some time after he had returned home (does not remember the exact time) The Tories and Indians were committing some depredation in and about Johnstown and Whiting called out Capt. Fitchs Company to which he the said Josiah Skinner belonged, and he went on a two months tour under Capt. Fitch or Fitch, Lieu [Lieutenant] Smith was stationed at Johnstown and served there two months was dismissed and returned home to New Lebanon. And the said Josiah Skinner further declares that he was again called out in the Militia under Capt. Fitch, Lieut Col. Waterman and Lieut Smith in General Schuylers Brigade; and marched to Saratoga and served there three months, had no battle; and the said Josiah Skinner further declares, that in the year 1777, Col. Whiting called out the militia and he went under Capt. Salisbury, and Lieut Mason or Munson, sometime in the spring of the year, was stationed at Fort Edward, was in a battle wherein Lieu Mason or Munson was killed, from thence he was marched to Stillwater, and was taken sick there, and was confined sick at the time that Burgoyne was taken, and he served in this town six months and was dismissed and returned home to New Lebanon and was again called into the service of the United States under Capt. Salisbury, marched to Schenectady and was at Schenectady at the time Schohary and Stone Arabia were burnt by the enemy the said company then marched up the Mohawk river and over took the Tories and Indians on the river opposite Stone Arabia, some firing took place, some were wounded, does not recollect whether any Americans were killed, and says he served in this tour five months – and was dismissed and went home to New Lebanon. And the said Josiah Skinner further declares, that he was again called into service under Capt. or Col. Ogden, does not recollect the time he was called out, was stationed at Cherry Valley served in this tour three months, was not in any battle at Cherry Valley, was dismissed there and returned home to New Lebanon—and after that time he says he was in the service under Capt. Salisbury one month, and says his recollections in relation to the times of enlistments and services are very indistinct at this advanced age, but he does believe, that he served the United States as a soldier under the several enlistments and drafts full as much as three years during the revolution—and the said Josiah Skinner further declares that he has no documentary evidence of his services, nor does he know of any living witness by whom he can prove this service rendered or any of it, except Levi Skinner of the town of Canajoharry Montgomery County whos[e] affidavit is presented with these papers, and he relinquishes all claim to any pension or annuity except the present, and says his name is not on any pension roll of any state. And he thinks George Buell & Jonathan Hurlburt residents win the town of

Fairfield will be able to vouch for him and the said Josiah Skinner further declares that some years ago, he made application for a pension under the former laws before Westel Willoughby a Judge of Herkimer County Courts and did not succeed, and thinks it probably that the papers then made out may be found in the war department. (Signed with his mark) Josiah Skinner

Sworn and Subscribed before me a judge of Her. Co. Courts the 3 day of Sept., 1832. Sherman Wooster.