

## Pension Application for James Sleight

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State of New York  
Dutchess County SS.

On this twenty fifth day of September in the year one thousand eight hundred and thirty two before me Joseph J. Jackson—One of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas of the County of Dutchess in the State of New York, personally appeared James Sleight aged eighty one years, resident in the town of LaGrange in the said County of Dutchess who being by me 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, 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated.

That in April or May 1776 he entered as a volunteer and as first Sergeant in Captain Dorland's Company in Colonel Humphrey's regiment of Militia of New York, under General James Clinton, joined at Fishkill and went to Fort Montgomery, remained and served there as first sergeant, for seven months, and was then discharged at the said fort. Col. DuBois regiment of the New York line was then at the fort. In May 1777 the deponent entered the service as first lieutenant in Captain Henry Wyckoff's Company of militia of New York, the regiment was scattered and stationed at different places, Major Morris Place had command of the part of the regiment to which deponent was attached, under the command of Gen. George Clinton, was at the Fort Constitution and after that Fort Montgomery was taken by the enemy, this fort was evacuated and the army marched ton Fishkill, thence ordered across the river back of Newburgh under General Clinton, thence went to Kingston and was near there when it was burnt by the enemy and thence went to Newburgh where he was discharged after serving seven months as first lieutenant during this service deponent knew Colonel Webb of Connecticut and some of his officers and Colonel DuBois of the New York line and most of the officers of his regiment on January 1<sup>st</sup> 1778 deponent entered the service as Quarter Master in Colonel Abraham Brinckerhoff's regiment of New York Militia under General Scott, deponent had been out on a scouting party, and on his return, was detained at White Plains and assigned by the Colonel as Quarter Master of the regiment, went from White Plains to Fort Independence near Kingsbridge where he was discharged, served at this time as Quarter Master, one month.

In the fall of 1778 deponent served one month as Quarter Master in Colonel Zephaniah [Platts?] Regiment of Silver Greys so called of the New York Militia, Lieutenant Col. Herrick, Major Abraham Schenck. Joined at Fishkill, encamped, remained and served there one month and was discharged. In the several services by then deponent as aforesaid, this deponent did not receive a commission under the seal of the state, but was detailed and appointed to the duties of the said offices by the commanding officer of the regiment and received an appointment in writing to such office, from such commanding officer for the time—which said writings have been long since lost or destroyed. Deponent was born in Kingston of Ulster County on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of April 1751. There is a record of deponents are in the family bible of his father, now in the possession of deponent's brother Abraham Sleight hereafter named, deponent has resided from the time he was about sixteen years old upon the farm now owned and occupied by him, deponent has proof of his said services by the affidavits of Abraham Sleight and Daniel VerValen hereto annexed. And deponent names Gideon VerValen and the Rev'd Cornelius C. Cuyler, to testify to deponent's character for veracity, and to his reputation as a revolutionary soldier.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the Agency of any State. (Signed) James Sleight

Sworn to & subscribed this 25<sup>th</sup> day of September 1832 before me. Jos. J. Jackson