

Pension Application for William Snedeker

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Declaration. In order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress of the 7th of June 1832.

State of New York

County of Onondaga SS

On this 25th day of November in the year 1845, personally appeared, in open court before a Court of Common Pleas now sitting in the County aforesaid, William Snedeker a resident of the town of Onondaga in the said county, aged eighty eight years, on the third day of May last past, who, being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision of the Act of Congress passed June 7th 1832. That he enlisted for the term of during the war as a private at Fishkill, in the State of New York, in the month of April in the year 1777, into the Continental Service in a company of Artillery commanded by Capt. Cornelius VanWyck, of which John Brinkerhoof was Lieut in Col. Vanderhoofs Regiment; that he was ordered immediately to Ticonderoga, that he marched from Fishkill on the Port Road, through a place called the Clove; that after arriving at Ticonderoga he was transferred to a company of Infantry commanded he thinks, by Audience Brinkerhoof in Col. Vandenberhoof's Regt; that he remained at Ticonderoga about three weeks and was then ordered to Boston, where he remained about one month when he was ordered back to Ticonderoga through a place called Weathersfield, that after his return to Ticonderoga he spent most of the summer in reconnoitering, foraging and scouting until he was ordered to Bennington in August, that he was in the battle at Bennington and received a cutlass wound on the head, the scar of which is still visible, that after a stay of four or five days at Bennington he was ordered back to Ticonderoga and thence to West Point; thence back to Ticonderoga where he spent the ensuing winter and spring; that he was ordered back to West Point, and from thence to Fort Montgomery, where he spent the winter— He states that he was at the storming of Fort Montgomery by the enemy and received a wound from a musket ball which lodged between the bones of his left leg, the scar of which is still visible, notwithstanding he made his escape within an hour after being taken by knocking down the sentinels, leaping the parapets and reaching the bank of the River, when finding a small boat of skiff he paddled to the other shore, and escaped into the woods and lay concealed two days without food; he then made his way to Fishkill Barracks, where he had the ball extracted and where he remained an invalid a few days. That he was ordered from thence to Ticonderoga and thence to Trenton, New Jersey, where he spent the winter, that in the spring he was ordered to West Point where he was discharged in the month of June by Col. Vanderhoof in whose Regt he had continued during his service; that he kept his discharge until a few years previous to the War of 1812 when he sent it to the War Department at Washington by Cornelius Higgins of Albany in order to procure letters Patent for his land which he drew for his services, since which time he has heard nothing from it, and that from old age and the consequent loss of memory he is unable to recollect dates, names of places and many other particulars. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity, except the present and he declares that his name is not on the Pension roll of any agency in any state.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid. (Signed) William Snedeker

An[d] the court do hereby declare their opinion that the above named applicant was a revolutionary soldier and served as he states. Chas T. Hicks, Clerk