

Pension Application for Reuben Sniffen or Sniffin

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State of New York

Onondaga County SS

On the eighth day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty two personally appeared before John Smith Esquire one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in and for the County of Onondaga (at the house of Rovillo Keeler in the town of LaFayette in said County of Onondaga, the said claimant by reason of old age, sickness, debility and bodily infirmities being incapable of attending in person either or any of the courts in said county or elsewhere) Reuben Sniffin a resident of the town of LaFayette in said County of Onondaga and State of New York aged eighty three years the ninth day of March last—who being 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, Thomas Thomas Colonel, Benoni Platt Capt. & that he entered the service in the spring, thinks the month of April 1776 for nine months and left in the January after the time was accomplished—afterwards sometime in the summer of 1777 he again enlisted in a company of rangers commanded by Captain Benjamin Stephens Lieutenant Abraham Warring and continued four months when the company was discharged—that afterwards the same year he enlisted in a company of guards commanded by Capt. Benoni Platt. The said Claimant was a Sargent of the guard, the company was stationed at North CVastle and their duty was to watch the Tories the Cow Boys, and a corps of men commanded by John Delancy – that in July 11, 1779 whilst on duty the said claimant was taken prisoner near Bedford and carried to New York where they confined the said claimant in the goal one night, then removed to the Sugar House where he was confined four months, when he was paroled until he was exchanged which was sometime in the fall of the year 1780, when he returned to his company in which he continued until the close of the War. He the said claimant was a volunteer—He was in the engagement at Montgomery Heights, and was under arms at the battle at the White Plains, but not in the immediate engagement—From the town of North Castle in West Chester County the place of his enlistment he marched to White Plains – thence to Montgomery’s hill where he assisted in building a small fort—he then continued until New York & Long Island was taken by the British was then ;marched to Peekskill on the Hudson River and continued there till the expiration of his 9 months enlistment expired—the second time of his enlistment was at North Castle aforesaid and marched to the town of Rye in West Chester County where he was stationed during the time for which he enlisted—The then time of his enlistment he was stationed at Bedford North Castle & Rye and continued there except during the time he was a prisoner, since the war he has lived most of the time at North Castle until he removed to Fayette 8? years since. He was acquainted with Col. VanCourtland and knew Capt. Samuel Sackett & Lieutenant Moshier—he the said claimant has no documentary evidence & he knows of no person, whose testimony he can procure, who can testify to his service—except William Sniffin his son who knows of his being in the service & of his being taken prisoner.

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) Reuben Sniffen.

Sworn to and subscribed the day & year aforesaid. John Smith, a Judge of Onondaga, Common Pleas.