

Pension Application for John Snowden

S.42355

State of New York

County of Columbia SS.

On this sixth day of June 1820 personally appeared in open court before the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas of the County of Columbia being a court of record for the said county John Snowden aged fifty one years resident in the town of Ghent County of Columbia and State aforesaid, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath declare that he served in the revolutionary war as [??] that is to say he enlisted in the year 1776 under Captain Smith in Col. Philip VanCortlandt's regiment and served for the term of six years & seven months and was actually engaged in the battle of "Monmouth" and the taking of Burgoyne, and several other skirmishes.

And I the said John Snowden do solemnly swear that I was a resident citizen of the United States on the eighteenth day of March 1818, and that I have not since that time by gift, sale or in any other manner disposed of my property or any part thereof, with the intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions of the 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" passed on the 18th day of March 1919, that I have now in my possession a certificate [?] to come from the Secretary at War bearing date the eighth day of March 1820, and numbered 16,535 [???] that I am inscribed on the pension roll of the New York agency at the rate of eight dollars per month to commence on the tenth day of April 1818 and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property or securities contracts or debts due to me, nor have I any property of any kind or nature whatever except my necessary wearing apparel. That I have no nor have I ever had a family and that I am now and have for many years been obliged to work for wages in order to obtain a livelihood. (Signed) John Snowden

Sworn & declares on this sixth day of Jun 1820 before me. Robert L. Livingston one of the Judges of the Court of Com. Pleas of the County of Columbia.

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John Snowden being duly sworn says that in the year seventeen hundred and seventy six he enlisted as a soldier in the Continental Army of the United States—he was first a private in the 4th New York Regiment commanded by Colonel Henry B. Livingston & in the Company of Capt. Israel Smith—and was afterwards transferred to the Regiment commanded by Col. Courtland – that he served during the whole war of the revolution—was present and engaged in battle at the capture of Burgoyne, was in the action at Monmouth, White Plains and the siege of Yorktown where he received a wound in the face from the enemies soldiers. In the year seventeen hundred and eighty three he received his discharge from the army near New Windsor in the state of New York, but has since last the same—that he is [in] indigent circumstances and reduced by his poverty to ask relief. (Signed) John Snowden

Sworn before me this 10th day of Apl 1819