

## Pension Application for John Stills

S.30134

State of New York

County of Rensselaer SS.

Jonathan Brown of the Town of Pittstown in the County and State aforesaid, being duly sworn deposeth and saith that he was an Ensign in the Revolutionary Army in the company commanded by Captain Benjamin Hicks belonging to Colonel Goose VanSchaick's Regiment of the New York State Troops, that he held his commission signed by John Hancock and others and countersigned by General Philip Schuyler which said commission was forwarded to the office of the Secretary of War at the time the deponent made his application to that department for a pension.

That this deponent was a recruiting officer in the spring one thousand seven hundred and seventy six stationed on said service in the town of Pittstown aforesaid when this deponent then and ever since has resided, that sometime in the month of March in the said year one thousand seven hundred and seventy six the precise day he is not able to state and while on such recruiting service as aforesaid he this deponent enlisted John Stills into his company as a private soldier for the term of ten months that he the said John Stills joined the said regiment at Albany and marched from there with his regiment to Lake George where he faithfully served as such private soldier under this deponent in his said company for the said term of ten months the full term of his enlistment when he was paid off and honorably discharged, the said John Stiles resided in Pittstown aforesaid and at work for the Father of this Deponent at the time he enlisted. (Signed) Jonathan Brown

Sworn this 23d day of September 1835. Carpenter G. Conklin, Justice of the Peace

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Berkshire County SS.

On this thirteenth day of October A.D. 1835 personally appeared in open court, before the Honorable William P. Walker Judge of the Court of Probate within & for said County of Berkshire now sitting John Stills a resident of the town of New Ashford in the County of Berkshire & Commonwealth of Massachusetts aged seventy seven years, who being 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 & served as herein stated.

That he was born in the City of New York in the year seventeen hundred & fifty eight—that he entered the service of the United States in the line of the New York State Troops in the month of March seventeen hundred & seventy six, that he then resided in Pittstown in the State of New York. That he enlisted for the term of ten months into a company commanded by Capt. Hicks that the other officers of the company were Lieut. Young & Ensign Brown. That the said company was attached to a Regiment commanded by Col. VanSchaick that he was mustered in Albany & was marched to a fort on Lake George—that he was stationed a part of said term at Albany before they were marched & after he marched to Lake George, he was dispatched with a small party under Capt. Hicks to Canada, that they went down Lake Champlain in a Batteaux as far as Chambly—that on his return he joined his company & was stationed at & near Lake George the [?] of said term of ten months—that he served out the term of his enlistment faithfully.—That he had no written discharge—that for evidence of his service he refers to the affidavit of Jonathan Brown hereto annexed & that he knows of no other witness by whom to prove said services.

That he recollects of seeing Genl. Schuyler at Albany & at Lake George—that he was commander of the troops to which he was attached—that he cannot name any other officers—

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) John Stills

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid. W.P. Walker. Judge of Probate.