

Pension Application for Ralph Swarthout

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State of New York
Seneca County SS.

Personally appeared before the Subscriber a Justice of the Peace in and for said County Ralph Swarthout a Revolutionary Soldier and being duly sworn according to law deposeeth and saith that he was born in Orrange [sic] County New York on the first day of January 1764 agreeable to the records of his age, and that he was pressed as a teamster in October 1779 in the service of the Revolution and was placed under Capt. John Whitney and Genl. Harrison the former had command of the teams that this deponent and the squad with him went to Easton Pennsylvania and teamed to and from Easton two months ha[u]ling cannon and other necessaries for the benefit of the army of the Revolution, that he served two months in the said service of the Revolution at this time, and that he was again pressed as a teamster and entered and entered as such in July 1780 went to New Windsor and was engaged in ha[u]ling Cannon and other articles, went to Warwick and got a load or two and was engaged at this time in promoting and helping in the war of the Revolution one month. This deponent further deposeeth and saith that he enlisted in April 1782 in the nine months service in the war of the Revolution under Capt. Abraham Westfall and Col. McClochery (or Clochey) marched to DeWitts Fort near Penepack and not far from the Delaware River where he was stationed with his associates as a frontier guard, This place was their head quarters, this deponent was called out about once a week on Scouting parties to help defend the white inhabitants and keep back the Indians, and in these scouting parties and marches, marched frequently thirty miles from their head quarters, that this deponent served seven months, when he was called home on account of the sickness of his father, but during his short absence he procured a man a substitute to supply his place, and that he soon returned to the army and served out the remainder of the nine months for which he enlisted and received a good and honorable discharge for the nine month's service in the War of the Revolution from the officer under whom he served. That this deponent has served in all in the war of the Revolution upwards of one year, that he is the identical Ralph Swarthout who served in the war of the Revolution under that name. (Signed) Ralph Swarthout

Subscribed & sworn before me this 21st day of December 1839. Michael B. Ellison, Justice of the Peace.

State of New York
County of Yates

Personally appeared before the subscriber a Justice of the Peace in and for said County Anthony Swarthout a Revolutionary Soldier & Pensioner and being duly sworn according to law deposeeth and saith that he is brother to Ralph Swarthout whose name is subscribed to the foregoing application & affidavit that this deponent is upwards of eighty years of age, being an older brother will recollects when the said Ralph Swarthout was a child, that this deponent served in the war of the Revolution and that he can bear witness to the two months and the one month service performed as teamster by the said Ralph Swarthout at the times and places set forth by him in the war of the Revolution & independence of his country; that this deponent is also a witness to the said Ralph Swarthout enlisting and serving in the nine months service as set forth by him, and that the said Ralph Swarthout did service in the war of the Revolution to the amount of one year and upwards as stated by him, and that the said Ralph Swarthout who is here applying for a pension and whose name is affixed to the said application and affidavit is the identical person, the identical soldier who served under his name in the war of the Revolution as set forth by him in the foregoing affidavit-

Subscribed and Sworn before me this 7th day of January 1840
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Justice of the Peace

Anthony Swarthout

State of New York
County of Yates

Personally appeared before the subscriber a Justice of the Peace in and for said County Elizabeth Swarthout and being duly sworn according to law deposeeth and sith that she is eighty eight years of age, that she has always been acquainted with Ralph Swarthout Since a child whose name is subscribed to the foregoing application for a pension and affidavit, and that he is the identical Ralph Swarthout who served in the war of the Revolution under his name and as set forth by him, that this deponent being at the time of the Revolution in the same neighborhood with the said Ralph Swarthout bears witness to the said Ralph Swarthout's Service in the said war of the Revolution as stated by him, to wit, that the said Ralph Swarthout served as teamster three months at the date and time & place named by him & that this deponent will recollects of the said Ralph Swarthout enlisting and serving in the nine month service as stated by him in the said war of the Revolution, and that the said Ralph Swarthout did serve in all in the said war of the Revolution upwards of one year agreeable to his statements (Signed by her mark) Elizabeth Swarthout)

Subscribed and Sworn before me this 8th day of January 1840. Edward Garring, Justice of the Peace

I hereby Certify that I am personally acquainted with Anthony Swarthout and Elisabth Swarthout the above named witnesses, and that they are in all respects to be believed, that they are of good character & stand high for truth and veracity and that full confidence should be placed in all that they have stated, and that I consider them to be of the age stated by them. A. Woodworth, Clerk. Yates County