

## **Pension Application for Thomas Swartout or Swartwout**

S.29490

Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed the 7<sup>th</sup> June 1832.

State of New York

Ulster County SS.

On the eleventh day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty two, personally appeared in open court before the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in & for Ulster County being a court of Record for said county proceeding according to the course of Common Law with a jurisdiction unlimited in point of amount and keeping a record of these proceeding having a clerk and a seal of their own, Thomas Swartwout a resident of the town of Olive in the County of Ulster aged seventy six 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 7<sup>th</sup> June 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States, under the following named officers and served as herein stated. [??]

That on or about the first of April in the year 1776. Volunteered as a private soldier in the Militia service of the State of New York in the Revolutionary War, in the company of Rangers under the command of Capt. William Clarks for the term of six months, rendezvoused at Fishkill Dutchess County remained there a few days, then marched from there by the way of White Plains to the City of New York, from whence he and the said company returned to White Plains carrying intelligence and watching the movements of the enemies and Tories between there and the City of New York, where he and the said company continued for four or five months, when he and a part of said company under the command of a Lieutenant, returned to and were stationed at FishKill as a guard to the Continental Congress, where he and the said Lieutenant's guard continued until about the first of October then next following, and were there discharged—

And this applicant further declares that on or about the first of April in the year 177, he again volunteered in the said service of the State of New York as a private soldier, with the company under the command of Capt. Henry Wyckoff, Lieutenants Schutt and [?] for the term of three months (But continued in said service and campaign for Three and a half months before being discharged) and was stationed together with the company of Captain Robert Hill at Fort Constitution, that he and the said company continued there until about the 15 day of July then next following and were discharged.

And this applicant further declares that in the month of October in the year 1777 he was ordered out on an alarm, as a private soldier in the company of Capt. John Schutt. Lieutenant James Schutt, in Col. Brinckerhoff's Regiment, that he with the said Regiment at Peekskill, marched up and along the Banks of the Hudson River to the Village Rhinebeck in Dutchess County, arrived there a few days after Kingston was burned by the British Army, that he and the said company and Regiment remained there until the British shipping returned down the Hudson River, when they followed them down and continued to watch the enemy until he and the said regiment arrived at FishKill, whereafter a service of Four weeks or more he with the said company were discharged.

And this applicant further declares that in the summer of the year 1778 he was again ordered out on an alarm as a private soldier in the said service of the State of New York, against the Tories in the Neihgborhood, in the company of Capt. John Schutt Lieutenant James Schutt, and was stationed at Peekskill called Barracks No. 4 where he and the said company remained in said service as a guard [guard] for three weeks or more and were then discharged.

And this applicant further declares that on or about the first of May in the year 1778, he again volunteered as a private soldier in the said service of the State of New York in the company of Capt. Thomas Storm, for the term of three and a half months rendezvoused at Fishkill Dutchess County, marched from there to Fort Constitution, from there crossed the river to West Point when he and the said company were ordered on a fatigue duty viz in building the Upper Fort afterwards called Fort Put.

Where he and the said company continued to labour in building said fort until about the middle of August then next following. When he and the said company were discharged (for which service he knows of no witness alive)

And this applicant further declares that in the summer of 1779 he was again ordered out on an alarm (generally called the great alarm) against the Tories in the Neighborhood as a private soldier in said service of the state of New York in the company of Capt. George Brinckerhoff was stationed as a guard near the Fishkill Mountains to protect the inhabitants and that vicinity, where he and the said company continued as such guard [guard] for four weeks or more when he and the said company were discharged.

He further declares that he was born in the town of Fishkill Dutchess County in the year 1756.

That he has a record of his age in his uncle[’s] Bible.

That he lived at Fishkill aforesaid when called into service and that he has lived in the Town of Olive Ulster County since the revolutionary war and lives there now.

That he had no written discharge.

That e volunteered—That he recollects no officers but hose mentioned in the Declaration.

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 any agency or any state. (Signed with his mark) Thomas Swartwout.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid. A. G. Hardenburgh, John Jansen, Abm A. Deyo, Judges.