

Pension Application for William Swartwout

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State of New York

Tompkins County SS.

On this thirtieth day of January one thousand eight hundred and thirty three personally appeared in open court before a court of Common Pleas holder in and for the County of Tompkins (being a court of record) at the court house in the village of Ithaca in said county which said court is now sitting William Swartwout who is the same William Swartwout named in the hereunto annexed declaration certificate affidavits, a resident of Danby in said County of Tompkins & State aforesaid who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following supplementary Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States and served as is therein stated subject to the following further statement. That after he received from George Clinton then Governor of the State of New York in the month of August 1778 a commission as Lieutenant in the Revolutionary War as stated in said annexed declaration and in the company & regiment therein stated he was engaged in actual service with said company & in said corps & under his said commission as Lieutenant as aforesaid for one month at & near a place called Peenpack about 40 miles from Fishkill in the State of New York on an excursion against the Indians and Tories—That in the fall of the year 1778 he as Lieutenant aforesaid under Col. Abraham Brinkerhoff was actually engaged for one months and more on the west side of the Hudson River. At Fort Constitution at word with said company [?] in said declaration hereto annexed in building the fort – that one – Weaver was the overseer in the construction of the Fort and that this declarant then had the command of said company as such Lieutenant. That in the spring of the year 1780 there was a general alarm and that the said regiment under Col. Brinkerhoff, to which this declarant with said company and also another company commanded by Capt. George Brinkerhoff were severally attacked—that he was then called with another company at the place of General Encampment on said River below Fishkill where he with said company remained encamped for three or four weeks—that the object of the alarm was to defeat the British on their march to take possession of Fishkill town—that during the aforesaid encampment Governor Clinton was then present in person—also General Swartrout an uncle of this declarant and Col. Vandeborough who then had the command of a Regiment of N. Y. State troops also there encamped—that after the aforesaid service this declarant returned home with his said company to Fishkill—That during the aforesaid service there was a court-martial holden for the trial of all delinquents &c of which Judge Pagne was president and this declarant was a member but said court was in session for five days—at that time & during the last aforesaid service the declarant served as a Lieutenant under his aforesaid commission.

That he did not receive his Captain Commission as stated in said hereunto annexed declaration until after & soon after the fourth of July 1780, that he now well recollects the time he received said Captains commission from the fact that on the said 4th of July 1780 he was married and he received his said captain's commission soon after he was married as stated in said annexed declaration to which this is supplementary. That in August following (1780) he with his said company was called into service at a place called Southard's Flatts where they drew their [tacts?] and there encamped for about four weeks waiting for marching orders. That during this service he served under his said Captain Commission and in Col. Ab'm Brinkerhoff's Regiment and that he there commanded the company in said Reg't which before had been commanded by said Capt. Schut that it was at this term of service he with a detachment of men from the various regiments in that vicinity was ordered to Verplancks Point to furnish wood as stated in the said annexed declaration to which this id supplementary—That soon after and in the early part of September 1780 a detachment of men headed by Governor Clinton in person marched to Peekskill as stated in said annexed declaration that this declarant with his said company was in that service and that the declarant there served as captain under his said commission & had the

command of said company at that place for about two or three weeks after which having regained the possession of Peekskill from the British he with his said company were discharged and returned home to Fishkill.

That from the first of October 1780 to the first of February alarms were often given at which this declarant mustered his company ready to march when ordered but the precise times he cannot now recollect nor can he recollect the length of time precisely he was thus actually engaged but from the best of his recollection for several weeks in the whole say two or three weeks—That about the first of February 1781 the aforesaid regiment with this declarant & his company were called on an expedition to Fort Washington to force the British from that Fort—after forcing the British from the Fort and after remaining there in such service about two or three weeks he was then discharged & this declarant with his said company marched home to Fishkill about the 1st of March on the forepart of March 1781—That from this time of his return from the said last service at Fort Washington as aforesaid the company then under the command of this declarant as Capt was divided into section who were ordered to patrol the [?] in the vicinity of Fishkill as a guard to protect the citizens from deprivations then being made by the Indians and British—That during the times aforesaid the declarant mustered his said Company daily and sometimes the whole company were compelled to serve as such guard and at other times this declarant launched from his own a section or file of men alternately who were to serve as such guard aforesaid in connexion with a like number of persons there launched from the other companies in said regiment—that to perform this service engrossed almost the whole of the time of this declarant as commandant of said company during the period aforesaid—That in the month of June 1781 this declarant with his said company which he commanded as Capt. under his aforesaid commission and the aforesaid Regiment under said Col. Brinkerhoff was again ordered on an excursion to Fort Washington to drive the British from the possession of that Fort that they acquired possession of the Fort a second time from the British and returned home to Fishkill after a service of about three weeks.

That shortly after his return from Fort Washington as aforesaid and he thinks about the first of July 1781 a detachment of men were ordered to West Point for the purpose of building a fort at that place as stated in the said hereunto annexed declaration that this declarant was ordered and did take the command of said detachment and was engaged in the construction of said fort with said detachment about one month when they were discharged and they returned home.--That about one week after, the declarant with a new detachment from said Col. Brinkerhoff's Regt under this declarant's command again marched to West Point where they remained engaged in building said Fort about three weeks longer where they were again discharged & returned home to Fishkill in latter part of August or early in September 1781. That during the fall of 1781 his said company was again divided into sections and during each day one section was launched to serve as a patrolling guard for the time succeeding night during which time the declarant most of his time was engaged with his said company in the aforesaid service in the Town of Fishkill and on the banks of the Hudson River in that service under the aforesaid Colonel Brinkerhoff.

That during the aforesaid service by the declarant at West Point a portion of the man army were then there under the command of General James Clinton.

That he this declarant has no documentary evidence of his aforesaid service in his possession or elsewhere—That his said commissions were lost or destroyed as stated and set forth in the said annexed declaration of which this is supplementary as aforesaid.—That he knows of no person nor has he been able on inquiry and search for that purpose to find any person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his said services other than those whose affidavits are hereunto annexed and the certificates also hereunto annexed.

And he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state. (Signed) Wm. Swartwout.

Subscribed and sworn to in open court before the Judges there of the day and year first above written. Sam'l Love, Clk.