

Pension Application for Ambrose Swift

R.10362

Declaration. In order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

State of New York

Herkimer County SS.

On this [blank] November 1832 personally appeared before me John Mahon one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in and for the County aforesaid (at my private chambers) Ambrose Swift a resident of the Town of German Flatts in the County of Herkimer and State of New York aged 69 years on the 3rd day of July last passed who first being 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 7th 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated. Col. John Harper and according to the best of deponant's recollection one William he thinks Daniel was his Capt. 1st Lieut Odler, 2nd Lieut. Dickerson their Christian names he does not recollect.

Deponent was born in Dutchess County, State of New York in the town of Dover on a track land known as the oblong on the 3rd day of July 1763. Has his father's record of his age (worded in his father's old family Bible) in his possession – was living when called into service at the place above stated—since the revolutionary war deponent has resided at the same place above stated for seven or eight years then removed to a place called Schoduck [Schodack] about 7 or 8 miles from Albany where he lived two or three years from thence removed to Montgomery County State of New York in the Town of Minden where he thinks he lived tenor twelve years from thence he removed into the County of Herkimer, State of N. York & town of German Flatts at which place he has resided to this day was called into service by voluntary inlistment in the Militia of the State of New York for nine months and was placed immediately under the company officers above named to the best of this deponent's recollection he inlisted some time in the month of March 1780—and in the course of two or three weeks after was called for and mustered at Peakskill from thence to Crown Point on Lake Champlain in order to intercept the Indians & Tories who had been committing depredations on the Mohawk River and in that part of the Country as this deponent was informed but the Enimy [enemy] evaded their persons and he was marched back to Albany and from thence up the Mohawk River to Fort Herkimer where deponant remained to the best of his recollection for about two months and half including all the time from the time he was mustered into service and marched—at this time there was a recruiting officer sent on as he understood by Genl Washington for the purpose of recruiting the Continental Troops. It was Lieut Norton that this deponent together with almost every man with all the officers (Capt. excepted) voluntarily enlisted under said Norton's orders for the term of one year including the time he had served under his first enlistment that this deponent was immediately marched from Fort Herkimer to West Point under the said Lieut Norton from thence tenor twelve miles below at a place where Gen'l Washington's Army was stationed at which place he was attached to the fourth Regt of the York Line under Colonel Weisenfeldt, that this deponent does not now recollect the name of the Lieut Col. but he thinks that one Tallmage was Adjutant and one Gray was Captain a short time over him and then he was put into a company commanded by Capt. Donston or Donsenne that the Lieut under Capt Grey was a man by the name of Tuttle that during the time he was stationed here he saw Maj. Andrew [Andre] executed. That he continued in this place until the latter part of Nov. or first of Dec. when he was detached from the main army and their Regt No. 4 Comanded by Col. Weisenfeldt was marched to Albany and then up the Mohawk River to Fort Stanwick then in Tryon County now in Oneida County that after this deponent arrived at Fort Stanwicks in company with the Regt they continued there for a few days he thinks about a week and there deponent received a written discharge from Col. Weisenfeldt which discharge he has not seen for a number of years and that this deponent is not able now to tell where the said discharge is or what has become of the same.

And father [farther] this deponent declares that he has no documentary evidence except that of Jesse Kinney which is hereto annexed and the said Jesse Kinney left the service some months before this deponent did and this deponent knows not where any of his officers above named now are that this deponent has never been placed on any pension list before whatever. (Signed) Ambrose Swift

Subscribed & sworn to before me November 10th 1832. John Mahon, one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in & for the County of Herkimer.