

Pension Application for Moses Swortwout

S.11499

State of New York
Otsego County SS.

On this 16th day of October 1832, personally appeared in open court before the Judge of the Court of Common Pleas in & for the County of Otsego being a Court of record & now sitting Moses Swortwout, a resident of the Town of Hartwick in the County & State aforesaid aged 72 years on the 29th day of March 1833. 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 after stated to wit:

In the year 1779, this deponent lived in the Town of Goshen in the County of Orange & State aforesaid and in the month of March of that year he enlisted into the United States service for four months into the New York State Troops & was stationed at Orange County Court House for the purpose of guarding said house & watching the Cow Boys who were daily committing depredations upon the lines & property of our people—He was under the command of Sergeant [Sergeant] Carmon Carpenter & Corporal Elisha Reed—He never joined any Regt, nor had any other commanding officers during the period aforesaid the whole term of which he faithfully served & was discharged in the month of June & returned home. During the time he was so stationed when four Tories or Cowboys were captured tried by a Court Martial & hung at which this deponent was present & assisted. Their names were James Smith, James Fluellen, James McCommick & Daniel Keith. And further this deponent states that in the spring of the year 1780. He was again drafted into the militia of the State of New York under the command of Captain Henry Wesener (or Wisner) in Col. Hawthorns Regt & was stationed for a part of the time 16 miles north of New York & during a part of the time he was also under the command of Captain John Minthorn in Col. Wesener's or Wisner's Regt. Capt. Wesener succeeded Col. Hawthorn in command at the formation of that officer to a general.

This deponent was also stationed at a place called Minisink for a space of time & also at a place called Sterling Iron works, where he was employed with others in building a furnace to cast chains to obstruct the navigation of the Hudson River by throwing them across.

This deponent remained in the service under this draft for the term of eight months when he was discharged & returned home some time in the fall of the years.

He has no documentary evidence & knows of no person whose testimony to his services he can prove except what is herewith transmitted.

He further relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present & declares that his name is not on the pension roll or agency of any state.

He was born in the Town of Goshen, Orange Co., NY on the 29 day of March 1761. He has no record of his age & only knows his age from what his parents have told him lived in Goshen till he was 37 years of age when he removed to Canajoharie Montgomery for about 12 or 14 years from thence to Cherry Valley, Otsego Co., about two years from thence to German, Chenango Co. about 2 years from thence to Canajoharie again about one year thence to Hartwick, Otsego Co., about 20 years since where he has ever since resided. Never had a written discharge from the service. (Signed) Moses Swortwout

Sworn and subscribed in open courts the 16th day of October 1832. Horace Lathrop,
Clerk