

## **Pension Application for Jacobus Teerpenning**

S.14142

Ulster Common Pleas, of September term 1833

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

State of New York

Ulster County SS.

On the tenth day of September one thousand eight hundred and thirty three, personally appeared in open court, before the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas, in and for the County of Ulster, now sitting Jacobus Teerpenning a resident of the town of Esopus, in the County of Ulster and State of New York aged 78 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 June 7, 1832.

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

In answer to the several interrogatories directed to be put to him by the Court in this manner he deposes and says.

1<sup>st</sup> That he was born in the town of Esopus in the County of Ulster and State of New York int he year 1755.

2<sup>d</sup> That the Record of his age is contained in the book of baptized records of the Reformed Dutch Church in the town of Kingston, in Ulster County.

3<sup>d</sup> That at the time he was called into service he lived in the town of Esopus, had lived there since the Revolutionary war and now lives there.

4<sup>th</sup> That he volunteered and was drafted.

5<sup>th</sup> That general Washington commanded at New York, General Clinton in Fort Montgomery and General Gates at Stillwater & Saratoga.

6<sup>th</sup> That he never received a written discharge but was verbally dismissed at the end of each service.

7<sup>th</sup> That in support of his character for truth and veracity he would respectfully refer to Abraham Hasbrouck certificate annexed.

And the said Jacobus Teerpenning declares that he volunteered as a private soldier into the service of the United States in the Revolutionary war In the fall of the year 1776 and served for the term of Two Months at Peekskill as a water guard under the command of Lieutenant Wesbrouck, and at the end of said two months was then there verbally discharged that he has no documentary evidence of this service and knows of no living witness to prove the same.

2<sup>d</sup> That in the year 1777 he served for the [?] four months In the capacity of (4 months) a private four months at Fort Montgomery in the Company commanded by Captain Hendrick Schoonmaker and one month at Stillwater as corporal and Saratoga under Lieutenant Abraham G. Van Aken of Esopus now dec'd. General Clinton in Fort Montgomery and Gates at Saratoga, and was verbally discharged from the above services by the commanding officers of the company at expiration of said service, but has no documentary evidence thereof – as a volunteer and for proof of this service respectfully refers to the affidavits annexed to his former declaration.

That in the year 1778 he served for the term of Two months at big Shandaken in the company commanded by Captain Philip Swart and One month at Little Shandakin in a detachment of Captain Swart's Company commanded by Ensign Theophilus Elsworth deceased in the capacity of a Corporal—and was verbally dismissed at the end of each service, but has no documentary evidence thereof and for proof would refer to affidavits hereto annexed.

That in the [year] 1780 he served for the term of three months in the company of Rangers commanded by Captain Moses Yeoman's stationed at Major Houghtelings and Newkirks in the capacity of a corporal, that he received no written discharge and has no documentary evidence thereof and was a volunteer. For proof would again respectfully refer to the affidavit of his former application.

That in the year 1781 he served for the term of Three months as a corporal in the town of Kingston at VanEttens and Leggs and Buchans in detachment under the command of Lieutenants VanAken and Teerpenning, that he never received a written discharge from this service and has no documentary evidence thereof and for proof refers to the affidavit of William Teerpenning hereunto annexed and was a volunteer & would again refer to proof annexed.

That in the year 1782 he served for the term of two months in the capacity of a corporal in detachments commanded by Lieutenants Lieutenants [sic] Dederick and Teerpening Captain Swart at Wawarsing and Woodstock, that he has no written discharge from this service, and knows of no living witness by whom to prove it and has no documentary evidence and was a volunteer and knows of no living witness.

That he has in addition to the above stated services served in 1778 in an alarm to Warsing eight days as a Corporal & one day in the same capacity to the services. The occasion why he did not in his former declaration state the particular grade of that the soldiers were only to be allowed pay as privates and that he was not questioned whether he had served in any other than as private soldier, but he hereby solemnly declare[s] that he has served as above stated at Peekskill and Fort Montgomery in the capacity of a private soldier for the term of six months and that the residue of his services being on the Northwestern frontiers of Ulster County in the several towns of Warwarsing, Shandaken, Shandaken, [sic] Woodstock, and Kingston were in the capacity of a Corporal which grade he held in the militia company of Captain Philip Swart, Lieutenants Abraham G. VanAken and Hendricus Teerpening and Ensign Theophilus Elsworth in Colonel [?] Regiment, but on the frontiers was under the command of Colonels Pawling and Wiesenveldt, which said last mentioned services were for twelve months and nine days and more as a corporal. That on account of old age and the consequent loss of memory he cannot more particularly state his services.

He hereby relinquishes ever claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any state. (Signed) Jacobus Teerpening.

Subscribed & Sworn the day and year aforesaid. A.D. Soper, First Judge.  
Wills Lake, Samuel Stockwell, Henry Wynekoop, Judges.