

## **Pension Application for William Teerpenning**

S.28907

Ulster Common Pleas of September term 1833.

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

State of New York

Ulster county SS.

On this tenth day of September in the year one thousand eight hundred and thirty three was [?] appeared in open court before the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas held at the Court house in the Village of Kingston in and for the County of Ulster, now sitting William Teerpenning a resident of the town of Esopus in the County of Ulster and State of New York aged 80 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<sup>th</sup> 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 he deposes and says.

1<sup>st</sup> That he was born in the said town of Esopus in the County of Ulster and State of New York in the year 1753.

2d That the Record of his age is contained in the book of baptismal records of the Reformed Dutch Church of the town of Kingston in said County of Ulster.

3d That when he was called into service he lived in the said town of Esopus, and has ever since resided there and now resides there.

4 That he was drafted and volunteered into service.

5 That General Clinton commanded at Fort Montgomery and Colonels Pawling & Wissenfelt in the Northern frontiers of Ulster County & that never rec'd a written discharge.

And the said William Teerpenning declares that he served in the Revolutionary War as a private soldier in the year 1776 in [a] Company of Infantry commanded by Captain Simon Lefever stationed at Warwarsing and Layhawagh in Ulster county for the term of two months and more and also in the winter of the same year in the month of December served for one month and were in New Jersey at Ramapough in Company of Captain Philip Swart as a private and was verbally discharged from both of the above services by the commanding officers, that he has no documentary evidence of either of said services and for proof would beg leave to refer to Jacobus Teerpennings affidavit hereunto annexed.

2d That in the year 1777 he served as a private in the company commanded by Captain Hendrick Schoonmaker Lieutenants Teerpenning & VanAken for the term of four months stationed in Fort Montgomery and also in the same year under Lieutenant Teerpenning and VanAken for the term of one month & more as a water guard in the town of Kingston that he was verbally discharged from both the last above mentioned services verbally by the commanding officers that General Clinton

commanded In Fort Montgomery that he has no documentary evidence of these services.

3<sup>rd</sup> That in the year 1778 he served in the capacity of a private soldier for the term of ne months in detachments stationed on the Northwestern frontiers of Ulster County part of the time at big Shandaken at [Longyears?] Picket fort, part of the time at Little Shandaken at [?] part of the time [at] Woodstock at Peter Shorts and the residue at Samuel Leggs at a place called Prabaut in Kingston that the detachments in which he lived were commanded by Lieutenants Van Aken and Teerpenning of Swarts Company of Militia and captain Lefever company of Militia that he understood at that time that Colonel Albert Pawling had the command of the frontier posts in Ulster County and that at the end of the said term of nine months he was verbally discharged from this service by the commanding officers verbally discharged from this service by the commanding officer verbally that he has no documentary evidence thereof and for proof would beg leave to refer to the affidavits of Johannis VanWagenen a living witness hereunto annexed.

4<sup>th</sup> That in the year 1779 he served for the term of three months as a private in a Detachment stationed at the House of Frederick Row in the town of Woodstock then called Little Shandaken and that said Detachment was commanded by Lieutenants VanAken and Teerpenning that at the end of said term he was verbally dismissed by the then commanding officer, that he has no documentary evidence of this service.

5<sup>th</sup> That in the year 1780 he served for the term of Three months as a private in the Company of Rangers stationed at Major Houghtalings in the town of Kingston Ulster County that said company was commanded by Captain Moses Yeomans of the Village of Kingston that he volunteered into this service and was verbally discharged by Captain Yeomans at the end of said three months that he has no documentary evidence of this service.

6<sup>th</sup> That in the year 1781 he served as a volunteer and private soldier for the term of Three months in a detachment from captain Swart's Company under the command of Lieutenants VanAken and Teerpenning (both now dead) stationed in the town of Woodstock Ulster County part of the time at one Peter Shorts & the residue of the time at William Resclegs, and at the end of said term of three months was verbally discharged by the commanding officer of the detachment that he has no documentary evidence of this service.

7<sup>th</sup> and lastly. That during said war, he has served in addition to the services above particular detailed in more than twenty alarms, that he cannot now by reason of old age and the consequent loss of memory state the years, officers, or length of each and every alarm. Some were for only one day some two, three & four days & some for eight days, that they were in different directions, but that to the best of his recollection the length of time he served as a private in those alarms would in the whole amount to Three months and more which being added to his time above more particularly set forth would make the whole of his services during the Revolutionary War Two years and five months, which I have served as a private soldier and volunteer and for such services I claim a pension.

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 the agency of any state. (Signed with his mark) Wiliam Teerpenning.

Sworn & Subscribed the day and year aforesaid A. D. Soper, First Judge,  
Samuel Stillwell, Henry Wynkoop