

Pension Application for Tobias Teller

S.14665

Declaration. In order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress of the Seventh June 1832.

State of New York

City and County of New York SS.

On this twenty second day of September A.D. 1832 personally appeared before the Judge of the Court of Common Pleas for the City and County of New York in the State of New York aged Eighty-four years and upwards who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Provision made by the act of congress passed June seventh 1832.

That in the Spring of 1776, being then a resident of Courtlandtown in the county of Westchester and State of New York he enlisted as a volunteer at a place called Crum Pond about ten miles from Cortlandtown for a service of five months in a company of the New York State Troops commanded by Captain James Teller a Brother so this deponent in a brigade Commanded by General Hoyt. This deponent cannot recollect the name of the Colonel of the Regiment, Deponent served out nearly the whole five months at White Plains, a few days before his term of service expired that regiment to which Deponent was attached was marched up to Peekskill and there discharged. Deponent received a written discharge.

That in the summer and fall of the year 1777, Deponent resided at about nine miles below Esopus on the Hudson River. Sometime in the month of September of that year; he was ordered with the company of Militia to which he belonged to march up and join the army under General Gates at Saratoga. The company was commanded by Captain Hampton of the town of New Paltz.

This Deponent marched up with said company to Saratoga and served there and in the neighborhood about four or five weeks, and while there was in the Battle of Saratoga. He with the rest of the said Company was then discharged, recruits having arrived to supply their place and the day after the battle marched with Prisoners down to Albany. He then returned home in the neighborhood of Esopus. The British about the same time went up the River from New York, but hearing of the disasters of General Burgoyne, they returned and burnt Esopus, after which they descended [descended] the river, as they were going down Deponent and some others stationed themselves along the river. As the last vessel came along, Deponent fired at the Helmsman, who immediately went below, then a flow struck the vessel and ran her over to the other side of the river, where some men were stationed, who took possession of her and about one hundred prisoners.

The company to which Deponent belonged during this last service was united with others to form a regiment, but Deponent does not recollect who commanded the Regiment. Deponent saw at Saratoga General Gates and General Arnold the last was wounded in the Battle. He has no recollection of the name of any other officer there.

In the winter following Deponent was engaged in the waggon [wagon] service for three months at Newburg, Goshen and the neighboring Country, Captain Persons was

the Captain of the purchasing commissary and Captain Gregier was the issuing Commissary. Deponent further saith that he has no written discharge nor has he ever had one, nor has he any documents going to show his services during the Revolutionary War except the annexed certificate of General Philip VanCortlandt, the Friend of LaFayette, who has died since giving said certificate.

Deponent further saith that he knows of no officer now alive with whom he served during the Revolutionary War.

Deponent further saith that he hereby relinquishes any claim whatever to a pension or an annuity except the present and he declares that his name is not on the Pension Roll of any agency in any State.

Deponent further saith that [blot]fortably and was always able to support himself until within a few years, but that he has since become entirely destitute and from his old age incapable of labour and supporting himself. (Signed) Tobias Teller

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid. Abm Atten Clerk of the Court of Com. Pleas of the City & County of New York.