

## **Pension Application for John Terhune**

S.14668

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

State of New York

Saratoga County SS.

O;n this fifth day of September in the year one thousand eight hundred & thirty two personally appeared before the Court of Common Pleas of the County of Saratoga held at the Court house in the village of Ballston Spa in said County—John Terhune a resident of the town of Northumberland in the County of Saratoga and State of New York aged seventy five 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 provision of the act of Congress passed June 7<sup>th</sup> 1832.

That he enlisted in the army of the United States in the month of July in the year 1776 with Captain Stephen Duryee in [blank] Regiment of the New York State Line under the following named officers Regimental officers Col. Swarthout & Major Mott the name of the other Regimental officers he does not remember, company officers Dept Stepehn Duryee First Lieut {blank} Lawrence 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieut Jacob Horton the regiment belonged to the Brigade of Brigadier Gen George Clinton and served five months from the first day of August until the first day of January following.

That he was stationed at Kings Bridge near New York for about two months, from thence he marched to the White Plains and was in the Battle at that place, remained there about a month from thence marched to Peekskill on the Hudson river and remained there about one month, from thence marched to Fort Constitution on the said Hudson River at which place he was discharged on the first day of January.

That at the time he entered the service as above he resided in Fishkill in the County of Dutchess in the State of New York.

That in the winter of the year 1777 & 1778 (he cannot state the month or day of the month) he entered the service of the United States as a volunteer in the New York Militia for six weeks under the following named officers. Field officers of the Regiment Col. VanRensselaer & Major Payn, company officers Capt. Vail, Lieut Joshua Champlin, Ensign John Van[Dervoort?] The other officers he cannot recollect. That he served for the said term of six weeks and was discharged in the month of March of the year 1778.

That he was in a skirmish with a company of the enemy's light horse at Brooks River in the County of Weschester [WestChester] At the time he so entered the service he resided at FishKill aforesaid.

That in the summer of the year 1778 or 1779 he was a sergeant in Capt John VanBenschoten's Company of Militia Col. Abraham Brinkerhoff['s] Regiment that he was ordered to take the command of one eighth part of said company and patrol the neighboring Country, the party of which he had the charge were required to patrol two nights In each week and he continued to perform the service of patrolling for two

nights a week excepting when ordered on other services which was frequently the [?] during two years and more in the neighborhood of Fishkill in the County of Dutchess.

That on one occasion he was on fatigue service at West Point in Building the Fort at that station under the command of Capt Scot of the Militia Lieut Bernard VanKleck for about two weeks.

That he has no discharge or papers in his possession nor does he know of any existing which relate to his services nor does he know of any witness now living who is acquainted with such services which he can procure.

He hereby relinquishes every 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 of any state.

To Interrogatories put to him by the Court he answers as follows.

That he is infirm and believes he was born the 10<sup>th</sup> day of July 1737 in the town of [?] in the State of New Jersey. The record of his age is in an old family Bible which was his fathers now in his own possession.

Ata the time of he first enlisted he resided with his father at Fishkill Dutchess County State of New York. Since the Revolutionary War he removed to [?] residence ata the town of SDaratoga in the County of Saratoga lived there about 5 years and then removed to the town of Northumberland in said County where he has resided until this time.

That at the time he entered into the service in the militia as heretofore mentioned for six weeks he enlisted as a volunteer.

That on the second term of service above mentioned in which he has stated that he commanded a patrolling party, he received his orders from the captain of the militia company, John VanBenschoten of Fishkill aforesaid.

He does not know whether he ever received a written discharge or not if he did it is lost.

I am well known in the town of Northumberland aforesaid to John Craig, John R. VanDerwerke, Reed Lewis, Jonas Hunsted, John Metcalf, Nathaniel McClellan, Cornelius Cramer, James Brown, Thomas Howland. (Signed) John Tenhune

Sworn to Subscribed the day and year aforesaid in open court. Thomas Palmer, Clerk