

**Pension Application for Benjamin T. Terwilleger or Terwilliger**

S.13005

State of New York

Ulster County SS.

On the 20<sup>th</sup> day of July 1832, personally appeared before me, John Jansen one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in and for the County of Ulster aforesaid – Benjamin T. Terwilleger a resident Citizen of the Town of Shawangunk in said County -- Aged 77 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 made by the Act of Congress passed June 7<sup>th</sup> 1832 1<sup>st</sup>. Viz That in the month of June 1775 he was a volunteer in the company of Captain Elias Hasbrouck in the Regiment commanded by Col. Clinton & General Schuyler for the term of five month that he volunteered in Sahwangunk and went from there to Lake Champlain on the way to Canada and then took sick and laid In the Hospital untill my time of service was out and was then discharged in November following.

That next in the same month 2<sup>nd</sup> November he was again a volunteer under Capt. Hunter for one year and was enlisted and received his Cockade in Shawangunk the said company was stiled [styled] minute men and served therein for said term under Colonel don't remember for the said full term & was discharged in Shawangunk aforesaid at the Expiration of said term of ;time that during said year the said company were employed upon Indian Excursions along the West Side of Shawangunk Mountain & with Colonel Wisenfelt in Sullivan County.

That on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of January 1777 he volunteered & served at Ramapo & Pyramus in New Jersey for 2 months in Captain Johannis Buye & Coll. Paulding. That he then volunteered under Capt. Matthew Jansen for 1 ½ months and was marched to Fort Montgomery and served there & was discharged that he volunteered in June 1777 and was discharged at the expiration of the term at Fort Montgomery that Colonel Dubois' Regiment and Capt Moody's Company of Artillery was at the Fort at that time.

That at 1<sup>st</sup> September 1777 he volunteered for 1 month he volunteered for the said term in Shawangunk under Capt. Matthew Jansen and served on the Frontiers for said term.

That in the 6<sup>th</sup> or 7<sup>th</sup> of October 1777 he was ordered out with the Shawangunk Militia for to go to Fort Montgomery and heard the Fort was taken at NewBurgh that he was then commanded by Capt Jansen & Colonel Hardenburgh & went with the troops from NewBurgh to Kingston & Hurley & was in the service at that time for 1 ½ month & was discharged at NewBurgh.

Next that in the year 1778 he was called out for 1 month under Capt. Matthew Jansen & served at NewTown & Rochester for said term. That in 1780 – 1781 he was ordered out along the Frontier to guard the same & to pursue Indians and such persons for at least 12 times during each of which time he was on an arrangement at least upon duty 8 days each time making in the whole 96 days or 3 months actual

service the same under Captain Matthew Jansens making in the whole two years and three months services viz.

As above set forth 1<sup>st</sup> for 5 months

2<sup>nd</sup> for 12 months

3<sup>rd</sup> for 1 1/s months

4<sup>th</sup> for 1 month

5<sup>th</sup> for 1 ½ months

6<sup>th</sup> for 1 month

7<sup>th</sup> for 3 months.

Making

27 months actual service as a private in the militia for which service I claim a pension.

To the Interrogatives as per the Instruction for the secretary of War this deponent answers to the

1<sup>st</sup> That he was born in Shawangunk aforesaid in the year 1755 Nov 21.

2<sup>nd</sup> That his age is recorded in the Church of the Shawangunk Congregation (of Dutch Reformed) that he was baptised in said church by the Reverend Mr. Macher,

3<sup>rd</sup> That he has always lived in the said Town of Shawangunk except only when he was in the service aforesaid.

4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> That he has set forth in the proceeding declaration the fact of the Enquiries of the said Interrogatories as far as he can remember.

6<sup>th</sup> That he was discharged by being called up in the company to which he was attached and dismissed as having served the term of time for which he volunteered was classed or ordered out.

7<sup>th</sup> That he is acquainted with most of the Inhabitants of the Town of Shawangunk (many of which would freely testify to his good character, that Ernest Decker, John McCord, David Wisfield, Peter Decker, Abraham Sparks & other can testify to my said service as aforesaid set forth.

That 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 any state & that from Bodily Infirmity he is not able to go 28 miles to Court the District from this place to the Court house. (Signed) Benjamin T. Terwilliger

Sworn to and Subscribed the day and year aforesaid before me. John Jansen, one of the Judges & as aforesaid.