

### **Pension Application for Josiah Terwilliger**

W.16437 (Widow: Rachel) They married January 15, 1783. Josiah died January 29, 1832.

State of New York

County of Chenango SS.

On this ninth day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty two personally appeared in open court before John Tracy, Levi Bigelow, Nathan Taylor, Charles York, and Hezekiah Read Esquires Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in and for said County of Chenango, being a court of record in; and for said County now sitting, Josiah Terwilliger a resident of Guilford in the County of Chenango in said State aged seventy seven (7) 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 viz.

In the Spring of the year 1776 (but he cannot recollect the precise day or month) he enlisted for four months in the town of Shawangunk, Ulster County, and State of New York into a company commanded by Captain Uriah Drake by Ensign Thomas Dunn the name of the Lieutenant he does not recollect. The regiment to which his company was attached and belonged was under the command of Colonel Palmer, the names of the other regimental officers he does not recollect—and the Commandant of the Brigade was General Clinton that he passed muster about three days after his enlistment at the place where he enlisted—that he enlisted to the Captain—and that he received no pay or bounty at the time of his enlistment on the same or the next day after he passed muster he went to Fort Montgomery (as it was then termed) the place or rendezvous with his company at which place he remained with his company until the expiration of the four months. The reason for which he enlisted and was then discharged by the Captain of his company verbally and that he was not present at any battle or skirmish during the said term of four months—one Benjamin Lane Corporal, Garret VanBenscoter drummer served in the s

And that in the fall of the same year he enlisted at same company with him and were discharged at the same time with him.

And that in the fall of the same year he enlisted a third time for four months, in Shawangunk Ulster County New York into a company commanded by Jacob Conklin Captain, John Johnson Lieutenant. The name of the Ensign he does not recollect the name of the Colonel or any other of the regimental officers he does not recollect. The commandant of the Brigade was General Clinton, that he received no pay or bounty at the time of his enlistment. That he passed muster the same day he enlisted at the place he enlisted and in the course of three or four days marched with his company to Fort Montgomery the place of rendezvous—at which place he remained with his company until the expiration of the four months the term for which he enlisted and was then discharged by the Captain of his company verbally—and that he was not present at any battle or skirmish during the last said term of four months.

And also that in the fall of the year 1778 (the precise day or month he does not recollect) he enlisted a third time for six months at Shawangunk Ulster County New York into a company commanded by Captain Jacobus Rose, Lieutenant Isaac Hortenbury—the name so the Ensign he does not recollect.

Thinks that General Clinton was commandant of his Brigade, that he received no pay or bounty at the time of his enlistment. That he passed muster immediately on the same day of his enlistment at the place he enlisted, on the second or third day after his enlistment he marched with his company to Fort Montgomery the place of rendezvous about three months after he arrived at that Fort he was attacked with an intermitten fever and was not able to do service and he obtained a furlough to go home and remain until he recovered from sickness and about a week after he went home on furlough the Fort was taken by the British forces and his company were taken prisoners and dispersed, and when he recovered with was in the course of one or two months after he returned home, his company were dispersed and he was never required to join it again and that he received no discharge at the time but was only absent on the furlough.

That at the time of each of these aforesaid enlistment he resided in the above named town of Shawangunk Ulster Col., New York. That he has not documentary evidence of his services and he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure (except he affidavit of Harmonius TerWilliger hereto attached) who can testify to his service—and that his said service was all performed in the Revolutionary War.

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.

In answer to the interrogatories required to be put to applicants for pensions by the War Department.

To the first answer that he was born at Shawangunk Ulster County NY in 1756.

To the Second—that he has no record of his age but there was one in his father's family bible but he has it no.

3<sup>rd</sup> After he left the service he remained at Shawangunk Ulster County until the year 1781 or 1782 and then went to Nine Partners and remained there about a year and then came to Guilford Chenango County New York his present place of residence.

4<sup>th</sup> He enlisted as above stated.

5<sup>th</sup> Is answered to his declaration already given.

6<sup>th</sup> Already answered.

7<sup>th</sup> He give the names of Samuel Kent Farmer, Samuel A. Smith Late Sheriff, Abner Gilbert, Justice of the Peace, Rufus Baldwin, Merchant, William Baldwin Merchant all of the town of Guilford as men who can testify as to his character fro truth and veracity and their belief of his services as a soldier of the revolution.

He further states that there is no clergyman in his neighborhood who is sufficiently acquainted with him to give the certificate required by the Pension law.  
(Signed) Josiah Terwilliger.

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid. P. B. Prindle Dep. Clerk.

Letter in folder dated May 7, 1936, written in response to an inquiry.

Reference is made to your letter in which you request the records of Simon H. Terwilliger and Josiah Terwilliger, who served in the New York Troops in the Revolutionary War and received pensions while residing in Chenango County, New York.

The records of these soldiers have been found and are furnished herein.

Josiah Terwilliger  
W.16437

The data which follow were obtained from the papers on file in Revolutionary War pension claim, W.16437, based upon the military service of Josiah Terwilliger in that war.

Josiah Terwilliger was born in 1756, exact date not shown in Shawangunk, Ulster County, New York. The names of his parents are not stated.

While a resident of said Shawangunk, Josiah Terwilliger enlisted in the spring of 1776, served in Captain Uriah Drake's Company, Colonel Palmer's New York Regiment and was stationed at Fort Montgomery for four months; in the fall of same year, he served another four months at Fort Montgomery under Captain Jacob Conklin in the New York Troops; later he enlisted for six months in Captain Jacobus Rose's New York Company, again marched to Fort Montgomery, and after serving about three months was taken sick and sent home to recover his health and while at home, Fort Montgomery was captured by the British and all the members of his company either captured or dispersed.

After the Revolution, Josiah Terwilliger continued to reside at Shawangunk, New York, until 1798 or 1799, then moved to Nine Partners, New York where he remained for about one year; then moved to Guilford, Chenango County, New York, of which place he was a resident when he applied for pension on October 9, 1832. His claim was allowed.

He died at said Guildford on January 29, 1833.

The soldier married January 15, 1783, in Clinton, Dutchess County, New York, Rachel Mills. The date and place of her birth and names of her parents are not shown.

Soldier's widow, Rachel was allowed pension on her application executed December 21, 1838, at which time she was aged seventy-five years and resided in Guilford, New York.

The only name of a child that is shown is son Josiah Terwilliger, who, in 1833, was a resident of Chenango County, New York.

In 1833, Hermanus Terwilliger, a brother so the soldier lived in Plattekill, Ulster County, New York.

In 1836, Rudolph Ostrom, a resident of Chenango County, New York, stated that he married a sister of the widow, Rachel Mills Terwilliger but did not give his wife's name.

In 1828, Samuel Fairchild, of Guilford, New York, stated that Rachel Mills Terwilliger was his aunt and lived at his home. He stated that he was fifty years of age, but did not give the names of his parents.

Simon H. Terwilliger  
R.10472

The data which follow were obtained from the papers on file in Revolutionary War pension claim, R.10472, based upon the military service of Simon H. Terwilliger in that war.

Simon H. Terwilliger was born in 1753, exact date not shown, in Schenectady, New York. The names of his parents are not stated.

At the beginning of the Revolutionary War, Simon H. Terwilliger. Resided in Johnstown, Tryon (later Montgomery) County, New York, the moved to Shawangunk, Ulster County, New York. He volunteered at said Johnstown, In June, 1775 or 1776, served in Captain Davis' Company, Colonel Johnson's New York Regiment and was in a skirmish; place where skirmish took place and length of this service not shown; he enlisted in the fall of 1776, and served five months in Captain Roos' Company, Colonel Hardenburg's New York Regiment; he enlisted in the fall of 1777, in same company and regiment, went to Fort Montgomery where he served for three months, was in the engagement when Fort Montgomery was captured by the British, in which engagement Captain Roos was killed and his place taken by Captain Cornelius Martin; in the spring of 1778, he enlisted and served two months in Captain Cornelius Martin's Company, Colonel Johnsons' New York Regiment; then enlisted in Ulster County, in same company, Colonel Paulding's New York Regiment and was stationed on the frontiers until fall; length of this service, four months; he again enlisted the following spring and served three months in captain Jacob Conklin's Company, Colonel Johnson's New York Regiment. The soldier stated that he assisted in building Forts Montgomery and Constitution and the fort at West Point.

Simon H. Terwilliger was allowed pension on his application executed August 31, 1832, while living in Green, Chenango County, New York, where he had lived for nine years.

He died the last day of February or the first day of March, 1834, at the home of his son, Henry S. Terwilliger, in Greene, New York.

The soldier married in February 1780, Sorchy VanKuren. They were married by the Reverend Gostchns, of the Reformed Dutch Church of Shawangunk, New York. Sorchy was aged eighty-one years in 1838.

No names of children appear, other than son Henry S. noted above.

In 1838, the widow's brother, Jacob VanBuren was aged seventy-nine years and lived in Ulster County, New York, where, he stated, he had always lived.

The names Cornelius, Peter and James Terwilliger appear; no relationship to the family stated.