

## **Pension Application for William Terwilliger**

S.42464

State of New York

Ulster County SS

Personally appeared before the subscriber a Commissioner of Deeds—the County aforesaid William Terwilliger a credible witness who having being duly sworn according to law doth depose and say that about 5 weeks ago he received a letter dated “War Department Pension office July 18<sup>th</sup> 1835”, directed to said deponent and purporting to be signed by J. L. Edwards the Commissioner of pensions and letter states “That the agent has been directed to discontinue the pension of deponent and alleges the following reasons therefore “according to the Statement in your declaration you enlisted in the month of April 1781 in Captain Hamtramus Company Colonel VanCortland’s Regiment and served therein 9 months. The original payrolls of the Regiment for that year have lately been found, your name is not found thereon. The original order for your pay for your services that year shows likewise that at that time you belonged to Captain Perceys Company Col. Pawlings Regiment of state troops. The original order of Lawrence Terpenning for his pay for services in Capt. Percys [Pearses] Company shows that this tour was in 1781 in your affidavit in support of the claim of Tarpenning you have put it down as having occurred in 1779 but that is not correct Captain Percy was not commissioned untill 27<sup>th</sup> April 1781. There can therefore be no doubt that if you were engaged in the service for 9 months at the periods referred to it was not in a Continental Regiment the only description of service which could have entitled you to the benefit of the act of 1818.”

And deponent also saith that he is onto seventy two years of age. That his recollection is very much impaired insomuch that he cannot distinctly recollect the dates of his respective services in the Revolutionary War as detailed in his affidavits on file at the Pension Office in the City of Washington but sure he is that he served nine months in the Revolutionary War in the Company commanded by Captain Hamtramic in the Regiment commanded by Colonel VanCourtland. That Cimon [Simon?] Lamberson was Sergeant in the Company of Capt. Hiller during said service and James Ivory was a private in said company of Hamtrammic both of whom are Pensioners of the United States as deponent has been informed and believes to be true and their affidavits in support of deponents claim are on tile at the Pension office of the United States at Washington City and Deponent also saith that Abraham Striker also a pensioner of the United States of the Town of Shawangunk County & State aforesaid also a pensioner of the United States whose affidavit is hereunto annexed was in the Continental service at the same time with this deponent as a private soldier and served with Deponent at the English Neighbourhood in the State of New Jersey, though he did not belong to the same Company with deponent. Whilst we lay at this place the said Striker was often in my tent and I well recollect his receiving a wound whilst kicking at Deponent in his tent. The company to which Deponent then belonged was on the Continental establishment and deponent served therein upwards of nine months.

We lay some time at the English Neighbourhood and from thence removed to Hoboken [Hoboken] according to Deponents recollection & belief and deponent also saith that sometime in the Revolutionary War but the precise year he does not now recollect he belonged to the company of Captain White of the Regiment commanded by Colonel Weisenvelt. That he served with said company at Lensing Kill on the Indian frontier that whilst serving there as aforesaid.

Deponent was enlisted by Captain Percy and ordered to join the company of Captain Hamtramic of VanCortland's Regiment and joined the same accordingly somewhere near the Gateway Bridge in the State of New Jersey and served therein nine months to the best of deponents recollection and belief and deponent also saith that Abraham Sparks a Pensioner of the United States belonged to the company of the said Captain White when deponent first joined the said company on the Indian Frontier as aforesaid in the nine months service but was afterwards ordered to Peenpack under Captain Abraham Westfall.

Shortly after the said Abraham left us to join Westfalls Company as aforesaid, I was enlisted by the said Percy into the company of the said Captain Hamtramic and deponent also saith that he does not now recollect what office the said Percy then held but believes he was afterwards applicant's Captain sure I am that he was afterwards called Captain Percy Deponent also saith that he cannot now remember that he ever belonged to Percy's Company or was under his command otherwise than as a servant as aforesaid and deponent also saith that he did not read the affidavit sworn to by him to support the claim of Lawrence Turpenny but the same was read to him by James Mitchell Esquire. That deponent considers the service to Turpinning in the Revolutionary War to be the material point did onto attend particularly to the time of service stated in said affidavit and if he had he could not have named the precise with certainty nor can he distinctly recollect who was Captain of the Company to which he and the said Turpinning belonged but sure he is that they did belong to and serve in the same company in the Revolutionary War as stated in said affidavit—

And deponent also saith that before making out his original Declaration for a pension he in pursuance of the advice of Walter Case Esquire went twice to see General VanCortland to procure his affidavit relative to his (deponents) services in the said VanCourtland's Regiment in the Revolutionary War.

That said VanCourtland after examining his papers gave Deponent a statement in writing of the times & place of Deponents service in his regiment which corresponded with the time set forth in deponents original Declaration according to deponents recollection & belief. (Signed) William Terwillinger

Sworn and subscribed this 11<sup>th</sup> day of Sept 1835 before me James N. Mitchell Commissioner of Deeds.

Letter in folder dated August 19, 1932, written in response to an inquiry.

Reference is made to your letter requesting information in regard to a Revolutionary War soldier, Helmus or Wilhelmus Terwilliger.

The data furnished herein were obtained from papers on file in the pension claim, S.42464, based upon the Revolutionary War service of William Terwilliger. The name, Helmus or Wilhelmus Terwilliger does not appear in the Revolutionary War records of this office.

In 1779 he served eight months in Captain Levi DeWitt's Company in Colonel Pawling's New York Regiment. In 1781, while serving in Captain Pearses' Company in Colonel Pawling's New York Regiment in April or May of that year he re-enlisted at Warsink, (probably meant for Wararsing) New York, and served nine months as private in Captain Hamtramck's Company in Colonel Philip VanCortlandt's New York Regiment. In 1782 he served nine months in Captain White's Company in Colonel Weisenfels' New York Regiment. he afterward served one year in Captain Edward Conner's Company in Colonel Marinus Willett's New York Regiment.

He was a resident of Shawangunk, Ulster County, New York in 1818 and was living there in 1836. He had previously lived at Mamakating, Sullivan County, New York.

He was allowed pension under the Act of March 18, 1818.

In 1824 he stated that he was sixty years of age.

In 1824 one Albert R. Terwilliger was Commissioner for Ulster County, New York, but it was not stated that he was related to the soldier.

It was not stated that the soldier was married.

William Terwilliger died December 6, 1837.