

Pension Application for William Thompson

R.10559

Declaration. In order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress of the 7th June 1832.
State of New York

County of Oneida SS. On this 12th day of June 1844 personally appeared before the subscriber a Judge of the Court in and for said county; William Thompson of Verona in said County, aged Seventy seven years and upwards, who being first duly sworn according to law doth upon his oath make the following Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

That he was hired as a substitute in the army of the United States by Marcus Brown & Christian Gates, he thinks in the year 1780 or 1781 that he can not swear positive as to dates or to officers names – on account of old age and consequent loss of memory but according to the best of his recollection he served under one Col. or Capt Clyde one Capt. Bradbeck or Pickbread and others, whose names he is unabel to set forth, that as to the time of service months at the expiration of which he received an honorable discharge, that he resided at the time he entered the service in Montgomery County State of New York.

He herby relinquishes every claim to a pension or an annuity, except the present and he declares that his name is onto on the pension roll of any agency in the United States.

That this deponent has not neglected to apply for a pension in consideration of any doubts in his mind. That he was not entitled, but on the contrary he has been fully aware that he was justly entitled to a pension but that necessity had not demanded it, and that having many doubts in his mind as to being able to prove his service by companions in arms, and not knowing that there was any prospect of finding recorded proof—and not being willing to subject himself to a bill of expense with so much uncertainty and dreading the trouble of hunting up the just proof he could find and no one offering to undertake it at their own risk) are among the reasons why he has not before applied. (Signed) Wm Thompson

Subscribed & sworn before on the day & year above written. Amos Woodworth
Judge of Oneida County Courts.