

### **Pension Application for William Thornton**

W.20089 (Widow: Mary Brennenstuhl Thornton) William and Mary married February 1792, and he died April 16, 1834.

State of New York

Rensselaer County

City of Troy SS

At a court of Common Pleas called the Mayors Court held at the Court House of the County of Rensselaer in & for the City of Troy;.

On this second day of January 1821 personally appeared in pen court, (being a court of record in and for the said City according to the solemn adjudications of the Supreme Court of this state, and being a court which proceeds according to the course of common law; with a jurisdiction unlimited in point of amount; keeping a record of its proceedings; and possessing the power of fine and imprisonment) William Thornton aged sixty years, resident in the town of Mmalta in said County who, being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath declare, that he served in the revolutionary war as follows:--viz more than six years, in a regiment of artillery under Col. John Lamb, in a company commanded at first by Capt. Mott, then under Capt. Fenno in the same regiment of the N. York Line & that he was discharged at West Point. That he was in a battle at Springfield in New Jersey and at the taking of Cornwallis.

That his original declaration under the act of 18 March 1818 was made on the twelfth day of April 1818 and that his pension Certificate is No. 8305.

And I do solemnly swear that I was a resident citizen of the United States on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March, 1818; and that I have not , since that time, by gift, sale, or in any matter, disposed of my property, or any part thereof, with intent thereby so to diminish it, as to bring myself within the provisions of and act of Congress entitled "An act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war," passed on the 18<sup>th</sup> of March, 1818; and that I have not, nor has any person in trust for me, any property or securities, contracts, or debts, due to me; nor have I any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed, and by me subscribed, (Signed with his mark) William Thornton

Sworn to and declared on the second day of January 1821. Archib Bull Dep  
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