

Pension Application for Richard Tillman

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Navy

New York

Declaration. In order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress, passed June 7, 1832.

State of New York

County of Albany SS.

On the fourth day of August 1832, personally appeared in open court, before the Justices of the Justices Court of the City of Albany now sitting, Richard Tillman a resident of the City of Albany in the county of Albany and state of New York, aged eighty two 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; that in the year 1775, he went as a volunteer militia man and found on a tour of duty, to Johnstown then in Tryon (now Montgomery) County to dispose the tories and I whereunto ordered Sir John Johnson.

In the year 1776 he served as a sailing master on board the Schooner Liberty Commanded by Capt. Isaac Simmons, under Commodore James Wynkoop on Lake Champlain, and remained in that service until the month of December following:

In the year 1777 he went up in the spring under the same officers as the year before, and in the same station of sailing master, at thirty dollars a month as wages, and remained in that service until after the Captain of Burgoyne and his army at Saratoga. That in the year 1778 he was employed with a sloop of about 63 tons, [?] of which he was pilot, in the service of the public in transporting public stores between Fishkill and Albany.

In 1779 -1780—1781 and 1782 he was still engaged in the public service, during the whole of the campaigns of those years respectively, sometimes on a confidential messenger; and sometimes in scouting parties on the frontiers, and my frequently on militia duty as Grand. In all which services he was actually engaged for a period of full four years.

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. (Signed) Richard Tillman

Sworn to and subscribed, the day and year aforesaid. J. G. Wasson, Clk

Letter in folder dated August 30, 1915, written in response to an inquiry.

In response to your letter dated the eighteenth instant you are advised that from the papers in claim Survivor's File No. 11178 Rev. War, it appears in claim Survivor's File No. 11178 Rev. War, it appears that Richard Tillman applied for pension August 4, 1832 while a resident of the city of Albany, New York, and eighty-two years of age.

He stated that he volunteered as a Minute-man in 1775, and marched to Johnstown against the Tories under Sir John Johnson, length of service not stated.

In 1776 he was Sailing-Master, on board Captain Isaac Simmons' schooner "LIBERTY", under Commodore James (Jacobus) Wynkoop, on Lake Champlain, and served until December.

In the Spring 1777, he was employed in building the schooner "George" at Lake George, and was appointed Sailing-Master thereof, under Captain Simmons and Commodore Wynkoop until after the capture of Burgoyne.

In 1778 he served as Pilot on Board the sloop "Industry" commanded by Captain Isaac Simmons, under Colonel Morgan Lewis Quartermaster General, transporting public stores between Fishkill and Albany; nine months.

He further stated that he served during the campaigns of 1779, 1780, 1781, and 1782, as a Private, under Captains Wendell, Hun, Scott and Price, sometimes as confidential messenger, was in scouting parties on the frontier, and on militia duty as Guard.

He was placed on the pension roll May 3, 1833, but payment of pension was suspended September 8, 1833, but payment of pension was suspended September 6, 1834, it being claimed that the allowance was an error, as the services rendered were not considered as actual military and naval service coming within the provision of the Act of June 7, 1832 under which he applied.

Richard Tillman died at Albany, New York, April 13, 1837, and his widow Sarah died November 23, 1837.

In 1851 it was stated that Richard left the following children: Thomas M. Tillman a resident of Medina, New York; Angelina Smith a resident of Glenville, New York; Catherine Gifford a resident of New York City; Ann Gifford, a resident of Albany, New York; and Hester McMichael who died in New York City; Mary Correen who died at Albany; and Eliza Salina Evertson who died in New York City.