

Pension Application for James Tompkins

S.23456

New York State

County of Greene SS

On this 17th day of August personally appeared before me Munson Buel one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas of the County aforesaid, James Tompkins a resident of the town of Windham in the county aforesaid and state of New York aged seventy-eight 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 officer, and served as herein stated.

That in the month of September he was drafted as a fifer in the company of Militia under Capt. George Lane and Lieut. Wilsey that they were marched to the Hudson River at Fishkill for the term of three months well recollects that this was in the fall of the year 1777, as Fort Montgomery was taken & Esopus burnt about the same time, that he served the three months for which he was drafted and was then dismissed.

That about the first day of November in the year 1778 he was again drafted and put in a company of Militia as a fifer and marched to East Chester & was stationed there and at various places along the line between the East & North Rivers, served two months & was then discharged, recollects of the companys officers Capt. Lane, & Lieut John Drake, served in a Regiment under the command of Col. Henry Luddington served in the capacity of a fifer.

That in the month of August 1781 he was again drafted as a fifer and joined a company of militia under the command of Capt. Wm Dusen & Lieut Nathaniel Jagger was in a Regiment under the command of Col. Henry Luddington was stationed at the highlands and some time at Crompond in West Chester County—served four months and was then discharged, that the above service was performed in the field & that he was not employed in any civil capacity—remembers this was the year when Cornwallis was taken.

He hereby relinquishes every claim to a pension or annuity except the present Roll of the agency of any state, and further that he knows at present of know [no] person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his services.

That he was born at PhillipsTown county of Dutchess (now county of Putnam) in the year 1755.

That he has no record of his age.

That at the times when he was called in to service he resided at Phillipstown and has resided there and at Livingston's manor since the Revolution & now resides at Windham in the County of Greene.

That at each of the times when called in to service he was drafted.

That he remembers of the continental officers Genl McDougal, that he does not recollect the names of others—but has seen may [many] of them at the time of the above service.

That he never received any written discharge from the service.

That amongst the names of this neighbors who can testify as to his character for truth & veracity and their belief of his services as a soldier of the Revolution he names Solomon Tompkins, Dumah Tuttle, Sarins Strong, & Harry Kindley. (Signed) James Tompkins

Sworn to and subscribed the day & year aforesaid before me. Munson Buel, Judge as aforesaid.

Letter in folder dated November 1, 1939, written in response to an inquiry.

Reference is made to your letter in which you state that the James Tompkins in whom you [are] particularly interested, was of Tuckahoe, Westchester County, New York, and was a soldier in the Revolutionary War.

The Revolutionary War record of James Tompkins which follows was obtained from papers on file in claim for pension, S.23456, based upon his record of the only James Tompkins (Tomkins), of New York, found on file in the Revolutionary War pension records of this office.

James Tompkins was born in the year 1755, in Phillipstown, Dutchess County, New York. The names of his parents are not given.

While residing in Phillipstown, James Tompkins served as fifer with the New York troops, as follows.

From sometime in September 1777, three months in Captain George Lane's company; from about the first of November, 1778, two months in Captain Lane's company, Colonel Henry Ludenton's regiment; from sometime in August, 1781, four months in captain William Dusen's Company, Colonel Henry Ludenton's regiment.

James Tompkins lived after the close of the Revolution in Phillipstown, and in Livingston Manor, New York.

He was allowed pension on his application executed August 17, 1833, at which time he was living in Windham, Greene County, New York.

It was not stated whether James Tompkins was ever married.

Solomon Tompkins was a resident of Windham, New York in 1833, and Stephen N. Tompkins was living in 1834, in Westerlo, Albany County, New York. They stated that they were well acquainted with the soldier, James Tompkins, but no relationship is shown.