

Pension Application for Stephen N. Tompkins

S.23973

State of New York

Albany County SS.

On this eleventh day of October AD 1833 personally appeared in open court before the Justices of the Justices Court of the city of Albany in the County and State aforesaid now sitting Stephen N. Tompkins a resident of the town of Westerlo in the County of Albany and State of New York aged 75 years and upwards, 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.

He first entered the said service at the town of Phillipstown then in the County of Dutchess now the County of Putman in the State of New York in the month of September 1776 having been called out on an alarm and joined Capt. George Lane's company of Militia and immediately marched to a place called Crumpond in the County of Westchester and was there stationed and kept guard ten days and was then dismissed and he returned home he served as a Corporal.

He again entered the said service at Phillipstown aforesaid in the Spring of the year 1777, thinks in the month of May, the Militia having been called out on an alarm and joined Capt. George Lane's company of Militia and was immediately marched to Peekskill near the Hudson's river, and was there stationed and kept guard in Colo Ludington's regiment and served as a Corporal three weeks, and was then dismissed and he returned home.

He again entered the said service in the month of August 1777, there being an alarm and Capt George Lane's company of Militia having been called for, he was immediately marched to place called Avery's in the said Town of Phillipstown and was there stationed and kept guard and served as a private soldier ten days and was then dismissed and he returned home.

He again entered the said service at Phillipstown aforesaid in the month of October 1777 having been called out having to go for a class and joined Capt. George Lane's company of militia and was immediately marched to Fishkill a short distance from the Hudson's river, and was there stationed (about a mile from Fishkill barracks) and kept guard and served as a private soldier one month, and was then dismissed and returned home.

He again entered the said service at Phillipstown aforesaid about the month of June or July 1778 having been called out on an alarm and joined Capt. George Lane's Company of Militia and marched to Fishkill Barracks near the Hudson's river and was there stationed and kept guard and served as a private soldier, three weeks, and was then dismissed and he returned home.

He gain entered the said service at Phillipstown aforesaid having been called out on an alarm and joined Capt. Lane's company and marched to a place called Pines Bridge on Croton River in the County of Westchester in the month of September 1778

and was there stationed and kept guard and stood sentry and served as a private soldier one month was then dismissed and he returned home.

He again entered the said service at Phillips town aforesaid about the first of July 1779, there being an alarm, and joined Capt. Lane's Company of Militia and was marched to Peekskill on the Hudson's River and was there stationed and kept guard and served as a private soldier three weeks, and was then discharged and he returned home.

He again entered the said service at Phillipstown aforesaid he having been classed and had to go for his class, and joined Capt. George Lane's Company of Militia in Colo Drake's regiment for the first of May 1780 for the term of six months and was immediately marched to the Highlands on the Hudson's River and directly opposite West Point, and was there stationed and laid in tents and kept guard until about mid-summer, and then part of the said regiment and the company he belonged to were ordered to march down to the mouth of Croton river near the Hudson's river and there joined a large number of soldiers stationed at that place and was there stationed at that place and was then stationed and kept guard until his term of six months expired, he was discharged about the first of November 1780 having served at this time as a private soldier six months.

He was in the actual service of the United States in the Revolutionary War ten months, three weeks and five days. 3 days of which he served as a corporal and the remainder of the time as a private soldier and for such service he claims a pension.

He was born in the town of Phillipstown now the County of Putman in the State of New York on the 19th day of January A.D. 1758.

He has a record of his age in his family Bible now in his home.

He resided at the time of entering the said service at Phillipstown aforesaid and continued to reside there long after the Revolutionary War then moved to Coxsackie in Green County and from there to Coeymans in Albany County and then to Westerlo his present place of residence where he has lived for the last 30 years.

He was called into the service as above stated.

Genl Washington and others whose names he does not now recollect were with the troops where he served, but cannot recollect what Continental or Militia regiments he served with.

He never received a written discharge, nor has he any documentary evidence to prove his services.

He is known to Elder Burnitt, Joseph Knowles, John J. Willsie, Nicholas Lanpough, Samuel Wheeler, Nathan Spencer, Peter Crandle, Richard Crandle, Anthony Vroman Frederick Rosekrans, Benjamin Luther Moses Smith and others who reside in his present neighbourhood, and who can testify to his character for veracity and their belief of his services as a soldier of the Revolution.

He has used every exertion in his power to procure witnesses to prove his services and any other witness than Robert Tompkins who has made an affidavit hereto annexed can not be had or found.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency in any state. And that this deponent has never learned to write. (Signed with his mark) Stephen N. Tompkins.

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

Letter in folder dated July 27, 1932, written in response to an inquiry.

Reverence is made to your letter requesting information in regard to Stephen V. Tompkins, a Revolutionary War pensioner, while residing in Westerlo, New York.

The data which follow were obtained from the papers on file in pension claim, S.23973, based upon the Revolutionary War service of Stephen N. Tompkins, the initial does not appear as V.

He was born January 19, 1758 in Phillipstown, New York.

While residing in said town, he served in Captain George Lane's company of New York militia, as follows: in September, 1777, ten days as corporal; in May, 1777, three weeks as corporal under Colonel Ludenton; in August, 1777, ten days as private; from sometime in June or July, 1778, three weeks as private; from sometime in September, 1778, one month as private; in July 1779, three weeks as private; from May 1, 1780, six months as private under either Colonel Ludenton or Drake.

Sometime after the Revolution he moved to Coxsackie, Greene County, New York, thence to Allegany County.

He was allowed pension on his application executed October 11, 1833, at which time he was living in Westerlo, Albany County, New York, where he had lived thirty years.

One Caleb Tompkins in 1833 was living in Rensselaerville, New York, no relationship stated.

It is not stated that soldier ever married.