

Pension Application for John Trimble

S.22559

State of Pennsylvania

County of Northampton SS.

On Nov 16th day of April personally appeared in open court, before Garrick Mallery, President & John Cooper & Daniel Wagner, Associate Judges of the Court of Common Pleas of Northampton County of Northampton and State of Pennsylvania 75 years of age & 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.

On the 1st of [November or December] 1774?, he went as a volunteer in a company of private men, commanded by Wm. Jackson Captain, McClaughrey Colonel & George Clinton, Major General in the Militia being the supreme commander of the whole. This was the first time the private men were raised. He lived at Wallkill, in Orange County, State of New York when he volunteered that time. He marched with his company from there to New Windsor, on the North river, where they remained 8 months and then they returned home.

While at New Windsor they did nothing, but turn a purpose themselves for military duty. Lt. Col. Newkirk, Major Moses Philips he recollects were there, they being officers in the militia stationed there.

In the beginning of May he was called out again in the same company & under the same officers & marched to Fort Constitution on the North River, where they remained 3 months, fortifying the works, and then they returned home.

When they went out to Fort Constitution James McBride was [?] Captain, Jackson having been removed into the United States Troops. In May 1776 he again was called out with the Minute men under McBride, Capt & marched to Fort Montgomery when it was being built & remained there 6 months fortifying the works, building batteries, & then went home.

In the month of November of the same year he was called out, in the same company & under the same Captain against the Indians on the Penpack, a branch of the Delaware, where the Indians had been burning & destroying every thing, but fled before they were able to reach them.

He remained out that time one month. In May 1777 he was [?] out to Fort Montgomery in the same company & under Captain Jackson at that Fort he remained untill it was taken, being a period of 6 months. James Clinton & George Clinton were both in the Fort. The one commanding the standing troops, the other the Militia. The Fort was stormed and a great many killed, among the rest Capt. Milligan. From the Fort they fled to New Windsor, where they remained 3 months. While here the British burned Kingston, then called Esopus. The whole time he was out that time being nine months, having gone home from New Windsor.

But in April 1778 he was ordered to West Point, when it was building under Captain Machin an Engineer. We here remained 6 months & then returned home. Telford, was their immediate Captain but Matchinson [Machin?] was with them. In November 1778, he went out against the Indians, four months, [?] they followed them to [?] but could not come up with them. Major Philips was their commanding officers[???] then Capt. last November 1779 in the same company, the same Captain, they were ordered to the Fish Kill stayed there during 3 months, then went home. They did nothing there but perform military duty, Newkirk, was Lt Col. He this deponent always went out as a volunteer in the Minute Man. He was born in Orange County State of New York in July 1757. About 25 years ago he removed to Smithfield Township in the County aforesaid, has lived there ever since. He also lived in Orange County until he removed to that state, & always volunteered from there. He recollects Gen. Jane Clinton;. He never received a discharge. He refers to Jacob Brown, Judge Coolvary & Judge Dingman as persons who can testify as to his character for veracity & their belief of his services as a soldier.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present & declares that his name is onto on the pension roll of the agency of any state.

Sworn & subscribed the day and year aforesaid. (Signed) John Trimble.

Jno. Cooper a Judge of Noarthampton County. Daniel Wagener, a Judge of North'n County