

### **Pension Application for Simeon Turner**

R.10751 (Widow: Anna) They married September 1, 1787. He died December 4, 1838.  
State of ;New York  
County of Greene SS.

On the fifth day of February 1833 personally appeared in open court, before the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas of the County of Greene now sitting, Simeon Turner a resident of the Town of Cairo in said county & state aged 70 years, who being first 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<sup>th</sup> 1832.

I Simeon Turner entered the service of the United States and served as herein stated and under the following named officers.

At Newburgh N.Y. I enlisted voluntarily under Capt. White to serve in the revolutionary army during the war, was in the month of June to the best of my recollection & think on the 16<sup>th</sup> day of that month. I cannot recollect the year in which I enlisted but believe it to be about three years before the peace Capt. White after enlisting me told me I might go home and meet him at the appointed time about the first of August. Marched with him to Snake Hill orange Co., IN.Y. where a garrison there lay, about six miles from Newburgh was enrolled in Capt. James Whites company (the officer who enlisted me) belonging to a regiment I believe of Col. Philip VanCortlandt, George Finck was Lieut and Frederick Wisenfelt Ensign of the Company. The name of the adjutant was Wm Carney. The names of any other officers of the regt or company or at that station I cannot recollect. Col. VanCortlandt was at Snake Hill when I joined the troops there but left I believe soon afterward to the best of my recollection was absent most of the time while I was there. The troops were drawn off & one from Snake Hill some times more and some times less but at no time to the best of my recollection being more than a regiment there and at all times a garrison kept there.

Captain White's company to which I belonged was not called off at all but remained stationary at Snakehill while I served in that company. I continued at Snakehill and served in Capt. White's company until the second spring after I enlisted in the month of May to the best of my recollection, was not called off from that place on any service but remained in garrison there—so that I actually served at this place in Capt White's Company one year and eight months.

Then by request of Capt. White as we had nothing to do at Snakehill I with 31 other belonging to his company volunteered to go on to the frontiers for nine months. Went and I was attached to a company commanded by Capt. VanSchaick, name of Lieut Dewitte, Ensign do not recollect—duties were to ranger the Country on the frontier settlements in the Counties of orange & Ulster N.Y. on the west of the Hudson River and protects them against the Indians were several companies engaged on this duty commanded by Col. Wisenfelts. I suppose a regiment one company commanded by Capt Dubois cannot recollect the names of any other officers.

The head quarters of the troops on this duty were at Marbletown Ulster Co. N.Y. from whence they were sent as required. Capt. VanSchaick company was stationed at

Marbletown some part of the time, though most of the time off ranging the country, continued on this service through the summer and until late in the fall or in December to the best of my recollection a short time before the holidays where the company to which I belonged by Col Wisenfelt was discharged at Marbletown and directed to go home & remain[ed] until further ordered was engaged in this service in Capt. VanSchaick's Company six months certainly – went home to my place of residence in New Malborough [sic] Orange Co., N.Y. & remained there until in the summer after to the best of my recollection the months of July after when I was summoned by Adjutant McCraney to go to Fishkill and got my discharge—went with him and received a discharge from one Col or General VanHorne, Capt White's & VanSchaick's Companies were discharged I do not recollect whether any other companies were discharged or not.

This deponent received my discharge, was to the best of my recollection the year peace was declares & served as a private.

Owing to old age and the consequent loss of memory it is impossible for me to state any more particular circumstances as then above nor the year when I entered the service or the exact time I served but I can no positively swear that I actually served as aforesaid as a private in Capt. White's company at Snakehill one year and eight months and six months in Capt. VanSchaick's Company for which services as a private I claim a pension.

I have made diligent search and can find and know of no person living by whom I can prove my services as a revolutionary soldier.

1. I was born May 30<sup>th</sup> 1762 at Musquitoe Cove Long Island as informed & believe.
2. I have no record of my age
3. I lived at New Marlborough Orange Co., N.Y. when called into service resided there (except when absent on service as aforesaid) until about the year 1790. Then removed to Claverack Columbia Co., resided there about 30 years then removed to Cairo N.Y. where I have since continued to and do now reside.
4. I voluntarily enlisted into the service as aforestated.
5. I cannot state more particularly than herein before stated as to the names of officers Regular or militia on regiments or other circumstances.
6. I received a written discharge as aforesaid which was burnt about 40 years ago in the burning of a home in which I lived.
7. I can state the names of a large number of person in my present neighbourhood to whom I am known & who will testify as to my character for veracity and their belief of my services as a soldier of the revolution. I will mention Elias Dutchess, Nari Stoddard She[?] Rossback Curtis, Joseph H. Bowman &c &c.

I hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except he present and declare that my name is not on the Pension roll of the agency of any state. (Signed with his mark) Simeon Turner.

Sworn & subscribed the day & year aforesaid in open Court. William V.G. Heermance, Clerk.