

## **Pension Application for Timothy Van Scoy**

S.11598

State of New York

County of West Chester SS.

On this fifteenth day of June 1833 personally appeared before me Ezra Lockwood one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in and for the County of West Chester which said Court is a Court of Record Timothy Van Scoy a resident of the Town of North Salem in the County of Wet Chester 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<sup>th</sup> 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated.

That on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of December 1775 he enlisted as a Sargeant in a Company of volunteers at North Salem in the County of Wet Chester and State of New York where Declarant then resided, the company was commanded by Captain Cornelius Steinrod in the Regiment of Colonel Drake. He enlisted for three months joined the regiment and marched with the Regiment thru the County of WestChester to New York. He was employed with the Regiment in building & constructing a fort on New York Island near Hurl Gate called Horn's Hook fort that the said Regiment completed the said Regiment completed the said Fort, the term of his enlistment expired some time in March in the year 1776 when he was verbally discharged.

After the said Fort was constructed as aforesaid & immediately after his discharge as aforesaid he volunteered & served with a Sargeants Guard for half month as a Guard for the fort he served the said term of a half month and was verbally discharged.

And the Declarant further states that some time in the year 1776 (the time not exactly recollected) he enlisted as a private in a company of Rangers commanded by Captain Samuel DeLavan for nine months to serve in the lines of the County of West Chester that he was in service in various parts of the County of West Chester in the said Company of Captain Samuel DeLavan for the said time of nine months when he was verbally discharged. That the company to which he was attached as aforesaid were in service in the most exposed parts of the County.

That in the month of January 1777 the Company to which he was attached as aforesaid was attacked and most of them taken prisoners at War [?] House six or eight miles below White Plains in the said County of West Chester that this attack was made the enemy a few days before the term of enlistment of the said Company expired. L This Declarant was not with the company at the time the attack was made for a few days previous thereto and when on the march below the White Plains this Declarant was attacked with the Pleurisy and was placed under the care of Doctor Dayton of the Army. He received a verbal discharge at the end of the said nine months.

In the year 1777 this declarant was enrolled in a company of Militia commanded by Capt. Nathaniel DeLavan in the Regiment of Lieutenant Colonel Gilbert

Drake that he was ordered into service on Guard duty and ranging parties on Patrols and on alarms into the Town of White Plains & Bedford and down to the lines in the said County of West Chester in the year 1777 very frequently that he was in actual service with the said company under the command of the officers thereof for three months during the year 1777.

And this Declarant further states that in the year 1776 he was enrolled in the company of Militia commanded by Captain Ephraim Lockwood at North Salem where Declarant then resided in the Regiment of Lieutenant Colonel Samuel Drake that he was called into actual service and did serve for the period of three months that the service performed by him was in the County of West Chester as a Guard on the lines in the said County and in ranging duty as it was called in the said Times.

And this Declarant further states that in the year 1779 he still continued to reside in the said Town of North Salem and was attached to the Company of Capt Ephraim Lockwood in the Regiment of Colonel Samuel Drake that he was called into actual Service in the said Company and did perform duty as a private in the said Company for four months in the course of this year that he acted as a Guard in the lines of the said County that this was the duty he performed this year.

And this Declarant further states that in the early part of the year 1780 a new Regiment of Militia was formed in the said County of West Chester composed of a part of Colonel Samuel Drake's Regiment and Colonel Thomas Thomas's Regiment that Colonel Thaddeus Crane was appointed to the command of the said new Regiment that Captain Ephraim Lockwood commanded one of the companies of the Regiment of Colonel Thaddeus Crane that this Declarant was attached as a private to the said company of Capt Ephraim Lockwood and served as a private therein to the end of the year 1782. This Declarant presents the following as expressing a detailed statement of his service from and including the year 1780 to and including the year 1782.

Early in the spring of the year 1780 Colonel Thaddeus Crane's Regiment was called into actual service for the protection of the North range of [T---?] in the County of West Chester and to guard the public stores and to serve on the lines as Rangers, that he this declarant served in the Company of captain Ephraim Lockwood as a private in the said Regiment in this year for three months when he was verbally discharged. That in the year of 1781 early in the spring the said Regiment of Colonel Crane and the said Company of Capt Ephraim Lockwood attached to the same were called into actual service on the lines in the said County of West Chester and performing guard duty that this declarant was a private in the Company of Capt. Ephraim Lockwood during this year and performed actual duty as a private for three months when he was verbally discharged.

In the year 1782 Declarant was still attached as a private to Capt Ephraim Lockwoods Company in the Regiment of Colonel Thaddeus Crane that he was ordered out in the said Company and marched to Peekskill Crumpond and various other towns in the County of West Chester that he was in actual service this year for the period of two months that he was verbally discharged at the end of the year.

That during the years 1780, 1781, and 1782 he this Declarant resided in the Town of North Salem in the County of WestChester and State of New York.

He hereby relinquishes every claim 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 that he has no documentary evidence and that he knows of no person who can testify to his services except Daniel Purdy and Abraham VanScoy whose Affidavits as to his service are hereunto annexed.

And this Declarant further states that during the time in which his services were performed as above specified he was not employed in any civil pursuit. (Signed) Timothy VanScoy

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid before me Ezra Lockwood one of the Judges in & for said County.

Letter in folder dated June 5, 1940, written in response to an inquiry.

Reference is made to your letter in which you request the Revolutionary War record of Timothy Van Scoy.

The record of Timothy Van Scoy which follows was obtained from the claim for pension S.11598, based upon his military service in the Revolutionary War. This is the record of the only Timothy Van Scoy found on file in the Revolutionary War pension records of this office. The surname was searched under similar spellings.

Timothy Van Scoy was born March 16, 1751, in Greenwich, Fairfield County, Connecticut. The names of his parents were not given.

While a resident of North Salem, Westchester County, New York, Timothy Van Scoy enlisted December 1, 1775, served three months as sergeant in Captain Cornelius Steinrod's company, Colonel Samuel Drake's New York regiment, and assisted in constructing a fort on New York Island, later served two weeks in a Sergeant's Guard. He enlisted in the spring of 1776, served nine months as private in captain Samuel Delavan's company of rangers. He served in 1777, three months in Captain Nathaniel Delavan's company, Colonel Gilbert Drake's New York regiment; served in 1778 three months in Captain Ephraim Lockwood's company, Colonel Samuel Drake's regiment served in 1779, four months in same company and regiment; served in 1780, three months in captain Ephraim Lockwood's company, Colonel Thaddeus Crane's regiment; served in 1781, three months in same company and regiment; served in 1782, two months in same company and regiment.

The soldier, Timothy Van Scoy, was allowed pension on his application executed June 15, 1833, at which time he was living in North Salem, New York.

Abel Van Scoy was living in 1822, in Pawling, Dutchess County, New York; it is not shown that he was related to the soldier.

The papers on file in this claim contain no further discernible data in regard to family.