

Pension Application for Philip Vermilyea

S.42578

To the Honorable Peter A. Jay, Recorder of the City of New York, one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas, called the Mayor's Court of the City of New York, which is a Court of Record of the State of New York.

This Declaration under oath of Philip Vermilyea formerly a private Soldier engaged in the Service of the United States, during the Revolutionary War, and now a Citizen of the United States, and resident of the City and County of New York.

Respectfully Sheweth, that the said Philip Vermilyea, served as a soldier in the Continental line of the Army in the Regt commanded by Colo Weizinvelt and the Company commanded by Capt Thomas Hunt, that he enlisted at Courtlands Manner [Manor] in the County of Westchester and State of New York in the month of March A.D. 1782 for the period of nine months and that he served honestly and faithfully for and during that period and that he was honorably discharged at Peekskill in the State of New York in the month of December of the same year – Deponant also states that his Discharge was signed by Col'n Wizenwelt above mentioned and that he has lost his Discharge some years since, Deponent further states that he is now sixty one years of age.

And this Declaration further representeth that the said Philip Vermilyea is not a Citizen of the United States, and residing in the City of New York aforesaid, and is by reason of his reduced circumstances in life, in need of assistance from his country for support;

Therefore he conceives himself entitled to the benefit of the Act of the Congress of the United States, entitled, "An Act to provide for certain persons engaged in the Land and Naval service of the United States, in the Revolutionary War, approved, March 18, 1818 and requestst that your Honor will examine into the truths of the matters aforesaid, certify and transmit the testimony in this case, and the proceedings had thereon to the Honorable the Secretary of the Department of War, to the end that such relief may be had in the promise, as is by law in such case provided. And in support of the facts above set forth, he refers to the Testimony of himself and of William Hadley & James Tice, hereafter set forth.

Dated, the ninth day of July 1819, (Signed) Philip Vermilyea, City and County of New York ss. Philip Vermilyea the above named applicant, being duly sworn, says that the matters by him set forth in the foregoing Declaration, are in all respects just and true.

(Signed) Philip Vermilyea

Sworn the ninth day of July 1819, before me. P. A. Jay.

City of New York: William Hawley being duly sworn saith that he and the above named Philip Vermilyea enlisted at the same time in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Weisenfels about the year 1782 & served together in the same company nine months being the period of min enlistment. That this deponent t hath received a pension on account of the said services under the act of Congress of March 18, 1818.1 That the said Philip now supports himself as a Carpet Weaver and is as this deponent believes

in reduced & indigent circumstances & needs the assistance of his Country. (Signed)
William Hadley

Sworn the 9 July 1819 Before me. P. A. Jay

Letter in folder dated May 31, 1924, written in response to an inquiry.

I have to advise you that from the papers in the pension claim, S.42578, it appears that Philip Vermilyea enlisted at Courtland Manor, Westchester County, New York, in March 1782 and served for nine months, as a private, in Captain Thomas Hunt's Company, Colonel Weisenfels' New York Regiment.

He was allowed pension on his application executed July 8, 1819, at which time he was sixty-one years old and a resident of New York City.

In 1821, he stated that he had a wife and twelve children; Nathaniel, Betsey aged 17 years, Jane aged 15 years, Silvester aged 14 years, being the only names stated. The name of his wife is not on record.