

## **Pension Application for James Ward**

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State of Pennsylvania

Luzerne County SS

On the fourth day of September personally appeared in open Court before the Court of Common Pleas of said County now sitting, James Ward, a resident of Providence Township in said County aged 75 years who being duly sworn according to law doth on her 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.

I entered the service as a militiaman under Captain Brinkerhuff and was attached to the Regiment of Colonel Griffin; and continued until about one year before Cornwallis was taken when I enlisted for the term of one year at the expiration of which time the war was closed.

The first tour I made was to West Point from Fishkill and was engaged while there in the construction of the Fort. We continued there about a fortnight and then returned home to our place of residence. The next [??] as I can remember we went to New Rochelle in the State of New York near the White Plains; thence we proceeded to a place called Red Hook to disarm the disaffected people; our commanding officer then was Abraham Skank. I was engaged in no battle but came very near to it of ten. At Ne Rochelle we expected an engagement with the regulars but were relieved before it occurred.

I was born in Dutchess County New York and have no record of my age in my possession but suppose it is in the house of other branches of the family.

When called into service I resided in Dutchess County and after the close of the war I resided in the same county until about 36 years ago I came into Luzerne County where I now reside and have continually since that time resided to wit in Providence Township aforesaid. I went into the service whenever called as a volunteer. I served at one time under Colonel Brinkerhuff.

I had a written dismissal from the service by order of Colonel Hughes, Major Tyson and Major Keyes. The writing was done by Anthony Bybank. Thought the paper of no value at the time and threw the paper away & I have no documentary evidence and knew of a number of persons who if living might testify to my service in the place whence I came; there is not person here who has any personal knowledge of my service.

I refer to Eleazar Atherton and Charles Drake, Deodal Smith and many others to whom I am known in my present neighborhood who can testify as to my character for truth and good behavior and as to my reputed service, as a soldier of the Revolution.

I do hereby relinquish any claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declare that my name is not on the Pension Roll of the Agency of any state. (Signed) James Ward

Sworn and subscribed the day and year aforesaid. H. Pettibone, Prot.