

Pension Application for Youngs Wells

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State of New York

County of Suffolk SS.

On the twenty seventh day of May one thousand eight hundred and twenty eight personally appeared in open court in the Court of Common Pleas in and for the County of Suffolk being a court of Record and so constituted by an act of the Legislature of the State of New York Youngs Wells resident in the Town of Riverhead in the said County aged seventy one years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the acts of Congress of the 18th March 1818 and the 1st May 1820.

That he the said Youngs Wells enlisted on or about the first day of March in the year one thousand seven hundred and seventy six in the State of New York in the company commanded by Captain Daniel Roe in [a] Regiment commanded by Colonel Henry B. Livingston in the line of the state of New York on the Continental establishment in the army of the Revolution, that he continued to serve under one enlistment or engagement until some time in the month of January in the year one thousand seven hundred and seventy seven when he was regularly discharged from the said service at or near Middletown in the State of Connecticut.

That he enlisted, and continued to serve, on Long Island, till the summer following his enlistment when the Island was surrendered to the British, that he then with the principal part of his company crossed from the east end of Long Island into the State of Connecticut where he continued to serve till his discharge as aforesaid, that he has no evidence of his service except the testimony of persons who were knowing to his said service on Long Island, that no person knowing to his service in Connecticut is now living to his knowledge Captain Roe and all who served with him in Connecticut having died some years since that he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension except the present, that his name is not on the roll of any state except New York. And that the reason for not making an earlier application for a pension is that he was ignorant of the length of time and manner of service necessary to entitle him to a pension till he was informed by Elisha Hallock M.D. of the City of New York in the year 1828 shortly previous to his former application.

And in pursuance of the act of the 1st May 1820. I do solemnly swear that I was a resident citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift sale or in any manner disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provision of an act of Congress entitled "an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States during the Revolutionary War" passed on the 18th day of March 1818, and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property or securities contracts or debts due to me, nor any income whatsoever except my wearing apparel, an old chest, and Shoemakers tools, all of which do not exceed fifteen dollars in value.

That I have no property whatsoever in my possession since the year 1821 when the little I then had was given up to my creditor. That I am now, and have been for th least four years principally supported by the overseers of the poor of the Town of Riverhead as a pauper of the said Town.

That I am by occupation a Shoemaker but by reason of the infirmities of age I am wholly unable to support myself without the assistance of my country. (Signed with his mark) Youngs Wells

Sworn and declared on the 27th day of May 1828 in open court before the Judges thereof. Joseph R. Hunting Deputy Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas, County of Suffolk.