

Pension Application for Thomas West

R.11348

State of Vermont

Grand Isle County SS.

On this 9th day of July AD 1836 personally appeared before me John M. Sowles a Judge of the County Court within and for the County of Grand Isle afs'd Thomas West a resident of Dunham a place so called in the Province of Lower Canada aged Seventy six 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 7th AD 1832.

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

I lived when I first entered the afs'd service at a place then called Beekmans Precincts in Dutchess County & State of New York in the forepart of the month of July 1777 I volunteered for three months in Colonel Humphrey's Regiment. My Captains name I do not recollect my Lieutenants name was Daniel Oaley, we marched down the North river to a place called Peekskill our object was to prevent the British [British] from coming up the river from New York to assist Burgoyne & to protect the frontiers & military stores there was a depot of provision near Peekskill at a place called Gallows Hill which we removed to Fishkill Landing & afterward finding or supposing it not safe there we removed then about twenty miles back into the Country where we served until Burgoyne was taken & the British retreated down the river when I was dismissed & went home—

After this in the month of April in the year 1780 the first of the month I volunteered for nine months in Col. Lewis Dubois' Regt my Captains name was Henry Dubois we marched to Fishkill staid there a short time & then went to West Point staid there about a week we then joined a Regt of Regular troops commanded by Colonel Courtlund the Major was a Frenchman I do not recollect his name we marched into New Jersey & joined the American army at a place then called the English Neighborhood consisting of three Brigades one from New England commanded by Genl Poor who died there I do not recollect who command[ed] the other two Brigades or who commanded the whole I recollect seeing Genl Layfaette [Lafayette] there I also saw Genl Washington there a number of time after staying there a while how long I do not recollect we marched to a place called Bargain Town or Powlers Hook a place that lives partly between New York & Staten Island we staid there about two days it was said at the time that the object t was to Surprise Staten Island but they being informed of our object the plan was thus frustrated we then went back to the English Neighborhood taking with us all the Cattle & provision [?] we could find we staid there some time I cannot say how long we were then marched back into the Country about two days. March to a place then called Potoway where I staid until my time was out some time in December 1780 when I was dismissed & went home I never was in a regular engagement but when we lay at Bargain Tower or Powlers Hood the enemy fired upon us from the battery on Staten Island with their artillery but did us no damage I have

been in the service in the whole one year I was born in the year 1760 in the State of Rhode Island in the Town of North Kingston but have no record of my age when I was called into service I lived at a place then called Beekmans Precincts in Dutchess County in the State of New York as afs'd from there I removed to the town from Saratoga N.Y. where I lived about ten years from there to Stephen Town Rensselaer County N.Y. lived there four or five years from there to the town of [Allenburgh?] County of Grand Isle & State of Vermont from there to Dunham in the Province of Lower Canada where if have ever since & do now reside. I went into the service as a volunteer I recollect the following regular officer who were with the troops where I served Col. Courtland, General Poor Commanded the New England troops but died while I was there in the service I saw Genl Layfayette there often & General Washington once or twice I do not recollect of ever receiving a written Discharge if I did I do not know what has become of it.

I will state the names of the following persons with whom I am acquainted in Allurgh & who can testify to my character for truth & b veracity & also their belief of my services as a soldier of the Revolution.

I hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present & declare that my name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state or territory.

The names of the persons above alluded to are Stephen Sweet Nathan Niles Ichabod Niles Paul Niles John R. Philtan & George Bumer. (Signed) Thomas West.

Sworn to & Subscribed this 9th day of July AD 1836 before me John M.Sowles, Judge of Grand Isle County.