

Pension Application for Benjamin Winfield

R.11707 (Widow: Anna)

Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7, 1832.

State of New York

Ulster County SS.

On the twenty fourth day of June in the year one thousand eight hundred and thirty three personally appeared before the Honorable Henry Wynkoop one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in and for the County of Ulster, being a court of Record, having a clerk and seal of their own, Benjamin Winfield a resident of the town of Esopus, County of Ulster and State of New York aged 79 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, 1832.

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

1st That he was born in the town of Plattekill in the County of Ulster and State of New York on the fourth day of October 1753.

2nd That he has a Record of his age in his family Bible.

3^d That at the time he was called into Service, and ever Since the Revolutionary War he lived in the town of Esopus aforesaid, and now resides in the same town.

4. That he was drafted and volunteered, but was no substitute.

5. That General George Clinton commanded at Fort Montgomery and General Schuyler and Gates at Saratoga.

6. That he never received a written Discharge.

7. That he is known in his present neighborhood by Jacob west and Jonathan Sluyter Esquiries.

And the said Benjamin Winfield Declares, that he volunteered in the 1776 in the latter part of the month of December in the capacity of a private in the Militia service of the State of New York in the war of the Revolution in the company commanded by Captain Lefever in Colonel Snyder's Regiment and marched from the town of Esopus to Ramapough [Ramapo] and remained there till last of January in the year 1777 making this term of service one month and more, that he was discharged at Ramapough verbally, that he does not remember what Regular Officers were there, nor whether there were any Continental Troops, no the Militia Regiments, that he has no documentary evidence in his possession nor does he know of any living witness by whom to prove it.

That he volunteered in the Spring of the year 1777 in the beginning of the month of April in the capacity of a private, in the said service in said war, in the company of infantry commanded by Captain Hendrick Schoonmaker Lieutenants Posta and Van Aken in Colonel Snyders Regiment and served for the term of "Five" months to wit—four months in fort Montgomery and one month at Stillwater and Saratoga, that he was verbally discharged from each of the said last mentioned times of services, to wit at Fort Montgomery and at Albany in the State of New York, General Clinton Commanded in Fort Montgomery and General Gates at Saratoga, that he has

no documentary evidence of their services, and knows of no living witness whom he can procure to testify for him.

That he was drafted in the month

Of April in the year 1778 for the term of "nine" months in the frontier Guards, in the capacity of a private soldier in said Service, in said war and served for the said term of nine months in the militia company commanded by Captain Simon Lefever, that Colonel Albert Pawling had the command of the different frontier posts on the North western frontier of Ulster County, that part of the time he was stationed at Jacob Longyears in Shandaken around whose house was a picket fort, part of the time at Peter Shorts in the town of Woodstock and the Residence at Van Ettens in the town of Kingston at a place called "Waghkunk" around whose house was a picket fort. That those different posts were during the service of nine months commanded by Captain Lieutenants and Ensigns that at the end of this service in the beginning of the month of January 1779 he was discharged in the town of Kingston at the house of [?] Bogardus [?] that he did not receive a written discharge and has no documentary evidence of this service in his possession and knows no living witness to prove it.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever 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. (Signed with his mark) Benjamin Winfield

Sworn & Subscribed the day and year aforesaid before me. Henry Wynkoop one of the Judges of the county Courts of the County of Ulster.