

## **Pension Application for Isaac Worden**

S.11871

State of New York

Westchester County SS

On this third day of December in the year of our Lord one thousand Eight hundred and thirty two personally appeared in open Court before the Court of Common Pleas of the said County of West Chester now sitting at the court house in White Plains in the said County, Isaac Worden a resident of the town of Harrison in the said County of West Chester seventy three years on the fourth day of November last who being first duly sworn according to Law doth on his oath makes the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June 7<sup>th</sup> 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated viz in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and seventy six this declarant was just turned of sixteen years of age and lived at Middle Patent in the said County of Westchester and as near as this Declarant can recollect in the Fall of that year this Declarant belonged as a private to a company of Militia at Middle Patent aforesaid commanded by Capt Benoni Platt and was called out by his said Captain with the rest of the company and went over to the Hudson river at the month of Croton in said County to guard the shores against the British vessels called the Phoenix and [rear] then in said river near said place and there served as a private in his aforesaid company for the space of about four weeks when the said Vessels having left that part of the line this Declarant returned home with the company.

And this Declarant further saith that in the spring of the year AD 1777 at Kingstreet in the said County of Westchester. This declarant enlisted with one Hilliard a recruiting officers as a waggoner to drive a piece of Artillery [Artillery] or anything else the regiment for one year in the Continental service under the command of Col Hughes a Continental officer that this declarant immediately thereafter was ordered and went o Peekskill in the said county and was present with; the Continental Troops at the Burning of Peekskill by the British (after Americans had fired one of the stores on their retreat) he then repaired with the American Troops to the Continental village above Peekskill and after a few weeks this Declarant was attached to Col Livingston's Regiment then under the command of the Lieutenant Col of said regiment whose name he cannot now recollect and continued to serve in Col Livingston's Regiment till it moved to the North a short time before the taking of Burgoyne when tis declarant returned to the said Continental Village and continued there till about the time Fort Montgomery was taken, when the British Fleet coming up the river, this Declarant was dispatched with an Ammunition waggon to supply Col. Meigs' regiment then near the mouth of Croton where the British had attempted or made a landing and did so supply them with Ammunition and at Verplanks Point this Declarant was twice exposed on his return to a sharp fire from the British Fleet and Gallies.

Before the last mentioned occurrence as near as this declarant can recollect he went down with a Continental detachment to make a feint on Valentines Hill against

the British then stationed near Kings Bridge in the said County. That this Declarant after his return went up with the American Troops to Livingston's Manor when the British fleet went up the Hudson River and burnt Sopus. Then this Declarant returned to the Continental Village and came down with a detachment of Continentals to the American Lines near White Plains and staid there till they went back to Winter quarters in the fall of the year one thousand seven hundred and seventy seven and there continued to serve his aforesaid enlistment of one years at the said Continental Village till the Spring of the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and seventy eight, when his Term of enlistment having expired he was verbally discharged by Captain Mark Post at said continental Village and returned to his home.

That during his aforesaid year whenever at the said Continental Village this Declarant was under the command of Captain Mark Posta and frequently done Duty as a private with his Musket.

That sometime in the Spring or Summer of the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and seventy eight this Declarant enlisted for six months in a Company called Rangers Commanded by Captain Silvanus Mead in Colonel John Meads Regiment.

That he enlisted as last aforesaid at Greenwich in the State of Connecticut. That Silvanus Marshall then of Greenwich aforesaid was the Lieutenant of said last mentioned Company and this Declarant enlisted and served therein as a private during the whole term of his said six months enlistment and at the end thereof was verbally discharged by his captain at Greenwich aforesaid. That this Declarant now recollects one engagement during his last - mentioned enlistment of six months in which he was engaged with his said Company viz, two American armed vessels (a Schooner of twelve Guns and Sloop of ten Guns) were called into a Place called Indian Harbor near Greenwich aforesaid by some British vessels, and he with his aforesaid Company and others went down to assist in defending them, and after several hours hard fighting they succeeded in driving the British Gallies and vessels off and secured the said American vessels which afterwards made their escape.

That in the Spring of the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and seventy nine at Greenwich aforesaid this Declarant was called out and went with a company of Militia commanded by Captain Benjamin Green for three months, and served in said Company as a Guard along Byram River in Greenwich aforesaid as a private for about two months when this Declarant was taken prisoner with one of the American Picket Guards Stationed at Sherwoods Bridge in Greenwich aforesaid by a Detachment of Colonel Emerick's British Horse and carried a prisoner into New York and Remained there such prisoner in the Sugar House for about two months or more when this declarant was Exchanged with about one hundred and eighty others for the British Troops lately taken at Stony Point, and this Declarant with the others Exchanged went with an American Commissary named Skinner to Elizabeth Town Point in New Jersey and from there this Declarant went up and crossed the River at Stony Point and came home.

That in the fall or winter of the year one thousand seven hundred and seventy eight prior to his last mentioned service and imprisonment, but which this Declarant omitted to state this declarant with thirteen others enlisted at Saw Pitt in the said County of West Chester as a private to be Guides to Colonel Aaron Burrs Troops then on the lines in said County under a man called Captain Caleb Lawrence for six months and were to receive one hundred Dollars each as bounty to be collected by what was called The Black Rate.

That this declarant served under his last mentioned enlistment for a period of about two months till Tryon with his Troops came up the Horse Neck and Drove General Putnam down the Hill at that place, when being unable to get either bounty or pay the said last mentioned company became dispersed and disbanded.

That while this Declarant did serve in said last mentioned company this declarant with seven others of said Company found a large British schooner aground on the Mannursing Island, boarded, took her & got her afloat and carried here by consent of Colonel Aaron Burr, round into Maharness River above Horse Neck, where she lay till Governor Tryon came up as aforesaid, when she was burnt by the British Troops at the place aforesaid.

That in the Summer of the year one thousand seven hundred and seventy nine after his imprisonment and Return as aforesaid he lived at Greenwich aforesaid and tried to farm it, but had always had to go armed and continued almost constantly under arms in the Militia there on guard, scouting parties, and different service, till the fall of the year of our Lord, one thousand seven hundred and eighty, when this Declarant was again taken prisoner at Greenwich aforesaid by a company of Colonel Delancey's men from Morrisiana and carried a Prisoner into New York where this Declarant remained such prisoner for a space exceeding seven months part of the time he was confined in the Sugar House and the rest of the time in Provost under the famous Cunningham where this Declarant suffered almost every kind of cruelty and privation when this Declarant was Exchanged and landed at Elizabeth Town Point in New Jersey and from thence this Declarant went to the fort at West Point and there crossed the River and came home to his Mothers at Greenwich aforesaid, then this Declarant removed with his Mother above the American Lines to New Canaan in the State of Connecticut where they resided till the Revolutionary War was ended and peace concluded.

That while he lived at New Canaan aforesaid he was frequently under arms engaged with parties that went down below, and used every exertion to annoy the enemy and get some satisfaction for his numerous sufferings.

That from the commencement of his service in the year one thousand seven hundred and seventy six as aforesaid till the close of the war this Declarant was unable to do scarcely any work or earn anything but was almost constantly under arms in some Corps or other fighting in the American Cause and doing all in his power to secure the independence of the States.

And this declarant further saith that he has a Record of his age in his family Bible which he examined yesterday and forgot to bring & [?] to the Court. That

according to said Record and information also received from his Parents he was born on the fourth day of November in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and fifty nine at Greenwich in the State of Connecticut where he continued to live till the commencement of the Revolutionary War when in the year one thousand seven hundred and seventy six he removed to Middle Patent in the said County of Westchester and he continued to live in the State of Connecticut except when he was out in service as aforesaid and at the close of the Revolutionary War this Declarant removed to Rye Neck in the said County of Westchester where he resided for about four years that then removed to the City of New York and staid about one year when he removed back to where he now resides and has ever since resided and still resides in the Town of Harrison aforesaid (except about four years absence in New York about twenty six years ago).

That this Declarant always served for himself and not as a substitute and was Drafted, enlisted, and volunteered, as he has above set forth in this his Declaration.

That he never received any written Discharge as he can recollect neither has he any Documentary or written evidence in relation to his aforesaid Enlistments, services or Discharges.

That this Declarant recollects the following Regular officers with the troops with whom this Declarant served viz. General McDougal, General Putnam, Colonel Philip Van Cortlandt, Colonel Livingston, Colonel Hughes, Major Tyson, Major Hesse, Major Campbell, Captain Campbell, Captain Mark Post, Major Weeks, Major Mitchell from Long Island.

And this declarant further states that the only persons he knows (that are living) that can testify to his services during any part of the Revolutionary War are Abraham Hyatt now of the said Town of Harrison in the said County of Westchester, Thomas Sniffen of the Town or Rye in the said County of Westchester, land Rivers Morrell Esqr of the last mentioned Town, and Lieutenant Silvanus Marshall of the town of Mamaroneck in the said County all of whose affidavits are hereto annexed.

And this declarant further states that he is known in his present neighbourhood to John Carpenter of the Town of Harrison in the said County and Jeremiah Anderson of the Town of Harrison in the same County who can testify to his character for veracity and their belief of his services as a soldier of the Revolution and of his age.

And this Declarant further saith that there is no Clergyman in his immediate vicinity who can Testify from their acquaintance with him to the facts last above stated.

And this declarant 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) Isaac Worden

Sworn to and subscribed in open Court the day and year aforesaid. N. Bayles  
Ck.