

Pension Application for Zopher Tanner or Tanney or Tannery

R.10392 (Widow: Mary)

The State of South Carolina

Pickens District SS

On this seventh day of October 1833 personally appeared in open court before the Honorable John S. Richardson in the court of Sessions & Common Pleas for the said District and State Zophar January aged about eighty five years, a resident of the District aforesaid, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832. (He made a declaration in the same Court for the said District on the first Monday in October 1832, which has been lost or misplaced as he has been informed it was returned to Honorable Warren R. Davis for amendment, it was drawn up by a young man unacquainted with such business and [?] as he has heard.

That he enlisted in the army of the United States in January 1775 for three years under Capt. John Fink at Schoharrie [Schoharie] in the State of New York in the Regiment of Infantry commanded by Col. VanScoit as well as he recollects the Lieut Col. Schuyler and he was under the command of General Schuyler, and he was under the command of General Schuyler till General Gates took the command of the Regiment he served out the term or nearly so, before he was re-enlisted under the command of Col. Pauling of the New York line During The War, and he did serve until after Lord Cornwallis was defeated the winter had commenced and snow on the ground it was in the month of November or December 1781.

He was in the Battle at the Capture of Burgoine on the Hudson River in 1777, he was then under the command of Capt Fink, Lieut Col. Schuyler, Col. VanScoit, General Gates & Genl B. Arnold was there. He was in no other battle. He was for much of his time employed as a spy & scouting the Frontiers—he was one campaign against the Mohawk and Delaware Indians under Col. Pauling, was out as far as the head of the Susquehannah River in the Indian Towns of Shokoking & Oquoga & started to join Genl Brown to the Shumongo Town, but Brown ordered the Regiment he was in to return to the frontiers of N.Y.

Afterwards the Compy was commanded to Stoney Point to build a Fort & He did help build the Fort at that place he was then commanded by Capt. Westbrooks of Col. Pauldings Regiment.

While at the Fort at Stoney Point General Washington came to the camp. Some special urgent business in a Row Boats, and returned in a short time.

He was born in Long Island in the State of New York and as he has heard was two years old when his Father died—He was put out to live with a man till he should be 14 years of age, at which time his Step Father took him home to a place called New Poll he lived with his Step Father about five years, and during that time he was advised up [go] to Schoharie as a better place for a young man, and went there and lived till he was about 25 years of age when he enlisted as he has stated.

He is not far from the scenes of his youth in a Land of Strangers, most of them opposed to the Laws providing for the support of the Soldiers of the Revolution and he has no means of finding out whether or not, any of the Soldiers who were with him are living. He does not know of a single witness who can prove his services.

He has no documentary Evidence. He was discharged in Poughkepsie [Poughkeepsie] in November or December 1781 and wraped [wrapped] his discharge round his Razor but lost it sometime afterwards.

He was at work for a year; wherever he could get employment, and could not take care of his papers. He was discharged by Col. Paulding or signed by him. He was most of his time in New York. Was at Stillwater; at Lake George, and Fort Miller, many other places he has forgotten the names.

He further saith from his age, having no learning except enough to write his name, not being able to keep books or records and moving from place to place with a treacherous memory he cannot relate or concisely as he would desire to do.

Answers to the Interrogatories directed to be proposed by the War Department.

Ands to the 1st .Int'y. I was born in Long Island State of New York in the year 1748.

2d. I have no record of my age.

3d. I was living in Schoharie N.Y. when He entered after he was discharged I lived two or three years in New York State at New Polls and Schoharie then I came to the head of Holstein in Virginia where I lived two or three years—I then moved into the Fork of Holstein & French Broad in Tennessee (then N.C.) I remained in Tennessee four or five years the Indians became troublesome & I came into the State of South Carolina and settled in Pendteton District and has resided in Pendleton for about thirty five years and lived where I now live on the same plantation for Sixteen years.

4th I enlisted under Capt. John Fink for three years afterwards reenlisted during the war and was discharged at Poughkepsie by Col. Paulding after peace was made or rather Cornwallis was taken.

5th I was with Lieut Col. Schuyler, Col VanScoit, General Gates, General Arnold and saw Genl Washington.

6th I got a discharge from Col. Paulding but lost it some time perhaps a year or so after received.

7th The names of persons who know me, in my neighborhood & will certify for my veracity are William Barton Esquire, Capt. John Calhoun, Capt. Thomas Hawkins, Col. David McKinney, Major Wm. L. Keith the Clerk of the Court Jonathan Reeder P.M. at Rock Springs.

And he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, and he declares that his name is not on the Pension Roll of any agency in any state. Knows no living witness to prove his services. (Signed) Zopher Tanner

Sworn to & subscribed the day and year aforesaid in open court. Before William L. Keith, C.C.