

Pension Application for Clement Andrus

S.44304

State of Ohio

Ashtabula County SS

Before me, one of the Judges of said County of Ashtabula, Personally came Clement Andrus of Kingsville in the County aforesaid, who after being duly sworn deposeth and saith that he was fifty four years old in the month of March last past and that he served against the common enemy in the War of the Revolution—to wit – under Capt. Ford in Col. Brown's Regiment on the Mohawk River and was in the action, near Stone Arabia, [Stone Arabia] when that officer and nearly all his Regiment were killed.

That in the year one thousand seven hundred and eighty one, he, this deponent, enlisted into the Continental Army for three years.

This was, to the best of this deponents recollection and as he verily believes, in the month of February or March of that year. He was first mustered under Capt. Cleft (his Christian name not distinctly recollected) in the first Regiment of the Connecticut [Connecticut] Line, commanded by Col. Grovner. He served in the same Regiment, successively under said Capt Cleft—Capt Hart and as he thinks, Capt Read, for about two years—to wit-till the tenth day of April one thousand seven hundred and eighty three—at which time he, this deponent, was honorably discharged from the Army by his Excellency General George Washington as unfit for further duty in consequence of a contusion of his, this deponents leg, said discharge he, this deponent, sent to the War Office with the expectation of receiving a pension.—But he never has received such pension, neither has his ever been returned to ;him.

And further this deponent saith that he now is and, hath been ever since he left the continental Army, very poor and without the means of support and stands much in need of the assistance of his country. Owing to his lameness in his leg, before mentioned, and other infirmities he is unable to labour for his Sustenance.

As explanatory of what this deponent hath stated concerning his expectation of receiving a pension from the close of the revolutionary war, he saith that his discharge was delivered to a court held at Hartford in the State of Connecticut—which court this deponent understood was called a court for the purpose of granting pensions to the disabled soldiers of the Revolution. By this court this deponent was advised that he was entitled to a pension and that he should receive the same. But from this deponents ignorance of the manner of obtaining it or from other causes, he has never received any as before stated—and further this deponent saith as before stated. And further this deponent saith as before stated—and further this deponent saith not. (Signed) Clement Andrus

Sworn & Subscribed before me this 24th day of April 1818. Nch King.