

Pension Application for Anthony Blancher or Blanchard

W.18612 (Widow: Tamar) Married May 30, 1781, Anthony died August 12, 1839.

State of New York

Rockland County SS.

On this 18th day of June in the year 1839 personally appeared before me George L. Allison one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in and for said County of Rockland, Anthony Blanchard a resident of the Town of Haverstraw in the county aforesaid, who being 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 state.

That in or about the month of July 1776 he was mustered and enrolled in the Town of Haverstraw aforesaid, in a company of Militia, then as he believes under Capt. Hearse in a regiment commanded by A. Hawke Hay and called out into actual service and served in that year in guarding along the shore of the Hudson River at Haverstraw aforesaid from Stony Point to the Lone Clove and some part of Clarkstown and at the river at Nyack to prevent the enemy's landing from their armed vessels, which then lay in said river in the Haverstraw and Tappan Bays and was discharged until further called upon about the month of November the same year, having served at least during that year three months.

That on or about the first of April in the year 1777, the same company was called out to do duty as aforesaid in guarding along the shore of said river and the deponent again served until the shipping was removed when he was discharged, which was about one month.

That about the first of August the same year he was again called out to guard as aforesaid at different stations along the said river, and assisted in capturing a quantity of clothing and blankets from the British Army on their march to storm Fort Montgomery and could not have served less in that year than three months.

That about the first of May 1778 the said company then commanded by Capt. John Garner was again called out and deponent served as aforesaid in guarding along the shore of said river and at other places in Clarkstown, Tappan & Scranlenburgh at different periods during that year until about the month of November when they were discharged and could not have served less during that year than three or four months.

That some time in May or June in the year 1779 the British army having possession of Stony Point, he was again called out in said company & regiment and was stationed about Stony Point and vicinity to prevent the enemy from sallying out to plunder and distress the inhabitants, and was not discharged until about the month of November having served at least—in actual service during that time four months.

That about the first of April 1780 the said company was again called and the deponent was on duty about one month, guarding along the shore at Haverstraw & Nyack and again in the fall of same year on like duty and that the time in said year in which he was in actual service could not be less than two months. That about the first of May 1781, he was again called out with said company and served until sometime in July when they were discharged.

That during the whole of the time above set forth of his services the British armed vessels lay in the Hudson River opposite the shore of Haverstraw and Nyack and his principal services was performed in guarding to prevent the enemy's landing from said vessels to plunder burn and destroy the property & dwellings of the inhabitants except in the year 1779. That the whole of his services were performed as a private soldier.

That he has endeavoured in the foregoing narrative to set forth his services with as much precision as his memory will now permit him to do, not having any record whereby to guide him, he may

in some instances not pointed out his services precisely as they were performed, or have misstated the exact time of the commencement and discharge of each period of service and hath endeavoured not to overate but to set forth the truth, and what errors may be, must be attributed the great length of time intervening and loss of memory, consequent on an old age, but he is satisfied that the time set forth would fall short if every period could not be ascertained and that he is eighty one years of age. (Signed with his mark) Anthony Blancherd

G. S. Allison, one of the Judges of Rockland County.