

Pension Application for John Burckdorff

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State of New York

Herkimer County SS.

On this thirteenth day of May one thousand eight hundred and eighteen before me David Holt Esquire one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in and for the County of Herkimer in the State of New York which is one of the Courts of Record of said State personally appears John Burckdorff of the town of Frankfort in said county aged fifty seven years who living my me first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provisions made by the late act of congress entitled- - "An act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War, that he the said John Burckdorff enlisted at the City of Albany in the State of New York sometime in the month of December 1777 or in January 1778 into a company of Infantry Commanded by Captain Leonard Bleecker in Colonel Peter Gansevoort's Regiment in the New York Line in the Continental Establishment for and during the war and that he immediately joined the said Regiment and continued to serve in the said Regiment as a private soldier till the consolidation of the four New York Regiments when he was transferred to the Regiment commanded by Colonel VanSchaick who commanded the first New York Regiment and that he continued to serve as a private soldier in that regiment till the close of the war when he was discharged from service in the State of New York and that he has lost his discharge and has no paper dockuments [documents] whatever in his power or possession either to prove his service or discharge—that he was in General Sullivan's expedition against the western Indians in the State of New York in the year 1779—that he was in the battle fought at Yorktown in the State of Virginia at the taking of Lord Cornwallis in the year 1781 and that he was in a great number of small skirmishes with the common enemy during his actual service in the army which are not particularly mentioned in the history of the war and that he is in reduced circumstances and stands in need of the assistance of his country for support and that he has no other evidence in his possession of his said services. (Signed) John Burckdorff

Sworn to and declared before me the day & year aforesaid. David Holt