

Pension Application for Thomas Champlin

R.1845

In the Matter of Thomas Champlin a Revolutionary Soldier

Declaration: In order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June 7, 1832.

State of New York

County of Madison SS.

On this 3rd day of February AD 1835 personally appeared in open court before the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas of the county of Madison aforesaid now sitting Thomas Champlin a resident of the town of Cazenovia in the County of Madison & State of New York aged 79 years, who being first 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 & served under the following named officers in the manner herein after mentioned.

In the month of April 1776, I enlisted at Bateman town, Dutchess County New York for nine months [?] a company of militia commanded by Capt. John Darling (or Derling), Lieutenant William Alger belonging to Colonel James Vanderburgh's Regiment.

We marched to Fishkill on the Hudson River, went on board of boats & scows & proceeded to Fort Montgomery and remained there keeping garrison for the whole nine months. I cannot remember the names of any other officers stationed there having those above mentioned & Genl McDugall who commanded a part of the time Col. Vanderburgh to what regiment our company belonged did not go with us.

I served out my full time (9 months) was regularly discharged by a written discharge & went home. Do not remember who signed my discharge.

In 1776 in the latter part of March as near as I can recollect I enlisted at Batemantown into a company of Militia commanded by Capt. Israel Teal, Lieutenant Haight for nine months. Marched to Kings Bridge remained there some time but cannot remember precisely how long. Joined a Regt under command of Col. Luttenton & marched to White Plains. We were then at the time of the battle of White Plains but not actually engaged in it. We were kept as reserve & not called into action. After the Battle we marched to Fort Constitution, remained there till the first of Jan'y & were discharged, having served a few days over my term of enlistment (9 months)

Sometime in December or January following I entered the service again for three months in a company commanded by my father, Capt. Joshua Champlin & Lieutenant Peter McLease, marched to Sing Sing on the Hudson River & was employed there in keeping guard &c. Served out my time &v went home.

I served at other times & frequently making in all, I am confident more than three years, but I cannot remember the particular times or the names of Officers under whom I served, sufficiently to attempt to set forth my services further than I have done.

My memory is very much shattered by old age & disabled, but I know that I served faithfully the periods I have mentioned. If there is any mistake it is in dates—which is the most difficult part to recollect.

I have no documentary evidence of my services & know of no person living who can testify to them.

I hereby relinquish all claim to a pension or annuity except the present & declare that my name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state.

In answer to the Interrogatories prescribed by the War Department.

1. I state I was I was born in Bateman Town aforesaid 7 August 1755.
2. I have no record of my age.

3. I lived every time when called into service in Bateman afterwards moved to Nobletown NY. Moved to Claverack NY there 9 years moved to Rensselaerville NY lived there 5 or 6 years. Moved to Winfield Herkimer County NY., lived there a few years & moved to Cazenovia; which was about 23 years ago & reside there ever since.
4. I entered the service every time voluntarily except when the militia ever all called out for short tours most of which were times which I have not set forth for want of a sufficiently distinct recollection of the particulars of time, officers, & dates.
5. I cannot recollect the names of any other officers than those I have mentioned above.
6. I did receive written discharges but they were put among other old papers tied up in an old shirt & staid away & when I looked at them sometime afterwards the rats or mice had destroyed them all.
7. I am known to Elisha Farnham Esq, Allen Dryer, Robert Jenkins, Gilbert Jenkins & many others who can testify to my character for veracity & their belief of my services.

And he declarant on his oath says that. There is no clergyman residing in his immediate neighborhood. (Signed) Thomas Champlin.

Subscribed & sworn to in open court the 2d day of Feby 1835 before me. A.S. Sloan, Clk.

Letter in folder dated June 5, 1914, written in response to an inquiry.

In response to your updated letter received the fourth instant, you are advised that the claim of Thomas Champlin R. No. 1,845, Rev. War, soldier alleges that while a resident of Beekmantown, Dutchess County, New York, in April 1776. He enlisted in Captain John Dorland, Darling or Derling's company, Colonel James Vandeburgh or Graham's New York regiment and served nine months, an afterwards he re-enlisted and served about three years as a Sergeant in said regiment.

James Vanderburgh alleges in said claim, that he and Thomas Chaplin enlisted in April 1776, in Captain John Durling's company, Colonel Cornelius Humphrey's regiment, New York troops, and served nine months, and in October 1777, they enlisted into Captain Israel Veal's company in Colonels Fish or VanRensselaer's regiment and served three months.

Soldier applied for pension September 13, 1826, while a resident of Bridgewater, Oneida County, New York, aged sixty-seven years. The claim was rejected on the ground or insufficient proof of the alleged service as required by the Pension Office.

In 1826 he referred to his wife then sixty-five years years [sic] old, and to his children. No names are stated.

The above noted is the only Thomas Champlin found on the Revolutionary War records of this Bureau.