

Pension Application for William Curry
(Donated by Mark Hendrickson)

New York (S.49,282)

At a Court of Common pleas held at the Court house in the village of Elmira in and for the County of Tioga in the State of New York commencing on the first Tuesday in September 1832 the same being a court of Record so declared by the Constitution and laws of the said State by which the said Court is constituted, & having a Seal & Clerk

Present. Hon G. B. Baldwin first Judge
Darius Bentley
John R. Drake Esqrs Judges
Elijah Shoemaker
Joseph L Darling

State of New York

Tioga County ss. Personally appeared in open court on the 4th day of September 1832 before the above named Judges now sitting William Curry, aged eighty four years & upwards a resident of the town of Elmira in the said County of Tioga 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 during the war of the Revolution the deponent resided in the County of Orange in the State of New York, in which there were a great many Tories and persons attached to the British government, and that the Inhabitants of the said County were much annoyed during the greater part of the contest by attacks from Tories & occasional detachments of British Troops & refugees from the City of New York where a considerable British force continued during the whole of the war. The inroads of the Indians along the Minisink frontier on the western part of the said County were also very frequent, and companies of militia were consequently required to be constantly in motion, for the defence of the Inhabitants at the various points where they were the most exposed. That the deponent very early in the commencement of the war about the month of May 1775 entered as a volunteer in a company of militia in the town of Warwick then commanded by Capt. Henry Wisner in the Regiment commanded by Col. John Hathorn: Thomas Goldsmith was the Lieutenant and Joseph Todd Ensign; that the said deponent continued to serve in the said company until the close of the war. During his engagement in the said company, the Captain (Wisner) was promoted, and Peter Bertholf was appointed Captain and the Lieut. Goldsmith resigned and Henry Bertholf was appointed in his place. That the said company was engaged in active service, in various parts of the County of Orange, Rockland &c. as occasion required. The particular periods in which they were employed at various positions he can not now state, but recollects that while in the service, he was on one occasion stationed at Ramapo where there were barracks & public stores for a month or more, once at Kakiat about two weeks, at Paramus for a month or more, four or five weeks in the English neighborhood near Tappan, four or five weeks at Suffern's in Rockland County, and at various other places - in the mountains & along the North River in the Tory neighbourhoods, and frequently along the Minisink frontier, when there were Indian alarms.

He was also out when the Minisink Indian battle was fought in August 1777, when Fort Montgomery was taken he was at Ramapo with other troops guarding stores which were kept there. He was not engaged in the Minisink battle having been stationed about five miles distant from the scene, where a small company were kept to take charge of the horses which were left

there. He saw Major Meeker the day after, who recieved a wound in the Battle, & was in command of some Jersey militia who were in the engagement.

That his services during the war would amount to more than two years constant service.

In answer to such of the Interrogatories propounded by the War Department as are not answered in the above relation he states that he was born on Middle Patent in the County of Westchester NY on the 13th July (O.S.) 1748. that he removed to the County of Orange town of Warwick about 1773, continued there until 1788 when he removed to Cherry Valley for a year, thence to Tioga Co. NY where he resided two years or nearly, & thence to Ulster in the County of Bradford Penna. where he has resided for more than 30 years. For a few years past he has had no fixed place of residence having children residing in both New York & Pennsylvania, and has spent his time among them as inclination dictated. That he has no documentary evidence of his services, and can prove them by Joseph McConnel and Alexander Miller of the said Town of Elmira. to whom & the Revd. Simeon R. Jones of Southport in the said County of Tioga he would refer. That the Continental officers whom he knew were Genl James Clinton & Col. Livingston & the militia officers with whom he served (other than his own) were Gen Geo Clinton, Cols Seward & Tustin of Orange County.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present & declares that his name is not on the Pension Roll of the agency of any State.

Sworn & subscribed the day & year aforesaid

William Curry

Green M Tuthill Clk

On the 4th day of September 1832 personally appeared in open court before the above named Judges now sitting Joseph McConnel, a resident of the Town of Elmira in the said County of Tioga, aged sixty five years and upwards, who being duly sworn according to law doth on his oath declare, that he is well acquainted with William Curry who has subscribed & sworn to the foregoing declaration; that he knew him during the Revolutionary war, as the deponent's father lived a near neighbour to the said Curry in the town of Warwick in the said County of Orange, & continued so to reside there until the close of the war. That said Curry belonged to Capt. Henry Wisner's company of militia in Col John Hathorn's Regiment in the said County of Orange; after Capt. Wisner was promoted, Peter Bertholf was appointed Captain of the said Company: the deponent well recollects that the said Curry was frequently out in service as a private in the company commanded by the said Captains Wisner & Bertholf in Hathorn's Regiment at different periods during the Revolution, as calls for troops in various places in the said County of Orange & the adjoining country were of almost continual occurrence during the greater part of the war. The deponent has no doubt and verily believes that the said William Curry served during the said war a term not less than two years. The deponent was about nine years of age at the commencement of the Revolutionary Struggle & about sixteen at its close, & his recollection of the material events which transpired during the time is clear and distinct

Subscribed & sworn the day & year aforesaid

Joseph McConnel

Green M Tuthill Clk

State of New York

Tioga County ss. William Curry being duly Sworn before the undersigned a Justice of the peace in & for said county deposeseth & saith That in consequence of old age & consequent loss of memory he cannot state the precise length of his Service in the several years of the

Revolutionary war but according to the best of his recollection & after mature reflection he states that he served not less than the periods and in the grades & years mentioned below

In 1775 in the company commanded by Capt. Henry Wisner, in Col John Hathorn's Regt. Orange Co. (N.Y.) militia as a private	Three months	3.00
In 1776 as a private in the same company	6 ½ months	6 ½
In 1777 as a private in the same company then commanded by Capt. Bertholf	4 ½ months	4 ½
In 1778 as a private in the same company	3 months	3
In 1779 as a private in the same company (Bertholfs)	2 months	2
In 1780 as a private in the same company	2 months	2
In 1781 was out but a short period, as a private in same comp	2 weeks	½
In 1782 in the same company including 4 days pressed with his Team to carry provisions to New Windsor	2 weeks	½
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making all his Services as a private Twenty two months as above detailed in addition to his declaration, for which he claims a Pension

Sworn & Subscribed before me this 7th day of Jany 1833

William Curry

W. Maxwell Justice of the peace Tioga County N.Y.