

Pension Application for Philip Dennis or Dinnis

(Appears as Toujes in the church records, in English it is Dennis)

W.20966 (Widow: Anna Stickles) Married August or September 1787. Philip died October 29, 1837. Philip Dennis of Ancram and Catherine Simmons of Salisbury are the only surviving children.

State of New York

County of Columbia SS.

On this thirteenth [sic] day of May one thousand eight hundred and thirty three personally appeared in open court before the Justices of the Hudson Justices Court now sitting Philip Dinnis of the Town of Gallatin in the County and State aforesaid of the age of seventy nine years who being first 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 7th 1832.

That he was drafted into the eservice of the State of New York as a militia man the first of April 1777 that he went to the Fort on the heights opposite West Point, that he remained there above three months, from thence he went to Fort Edward and retreated before Burgoyne to Still Water, and was there at the Capture of Burgoyne; though he was not in the engagement, he was among the reserve of General Gates.

Applicant says he was drafted for nine (9) months out of Captain Adam Hoysradt's Company and went into the immediate service of General Henry Livingston—Said Hoystadt and Livingston are both dead—and said Capt. Adam Hoystradt has been dead nearly forty years.

Applicant says that he served this term of service as one of the Militia of the State of New York and was taken out of the ranks by said Livingston to wait upon him—he said Livingston being at that time a Colonel of the Regiment to which this applicant belonged.

Applicant says that there is no person living of the Company to which he belonged by whom he can prove this service—except what it continued in Henry S. Hoysradt's affidavit hereto annexed.

The next time applicant was called out he hired out to a class of nine persons at the time this draft was made very ninth man was drafted.

He received therefor form said class \$250 Continental money, which at this time it was worth about 40 percent.

At this time applicant went to VerPlank's Point—and served at said VerPlant's Point—and served at said VerPlank's Point all the time he was in this service which was eight months. They were called out for nine months, and were dismissed a short time before their term of service expired. The reason of which was that the English who had been at Stoney Point, left that place and went to New York as soon as winter set in. This term of service commenced in July 1778 and thinks they were discharged in February 1779.

While at the said Point they cut wood. John Wilson was Captain, he is dead—Sam'l Wilson was Lieutenant he is also dead.—and applicant says he does not know that any one of his officers or the soldiers of said company is now living—The wood cut

was for the use of the Army lying at Fishkill Morris Graham was the Colonel of the Regiment to which applicant belonged—he is now dead.

Applicant has no testimony in relation to this service except that of Nichols Stickles, whose affidavit is hereto annexed, said Nicholas was put in the same mess with this applicant at VerPlank's Point—tho he belonged to Capt Gardner's Company

This applicant served one other term under Major Samuel TenBroeck—This applicant had forgotten in what year or how long he served in this campaign. Captain Leonard TenBrouck when called on yesterday the 29th instant said the thought is was in the fall of 1776, and that were about one and a half months in this campaign. Applicant says that he does not now know that he can prove this term of service by any person—nor does he know of any testimony that he can obtain except what is contained in the affidavits of the then Capt Leonard and Major Samuel TenBrouck's – now generals Leonard and Samuel TenBrouck—both of whom now receive pensions under the law aforesaid – The affidavits of said Samuel & Leonard are hereto annexed.

Adam Hoysradt was applicants Captain, he is dead and there are none of the officers or soldiers of said Company that this applicant knows of, now living.

The affidavits hereto annexed are referred to those when and for what purpose the troops under Major Samuel TenBrouck were called out.

Applicant says he was born 17th February 1754. The record of his age is on the Parish books where he now resides and where this applicant has resided ever since his birth.

Applicant says he never received any written discharge and has no document of any kind to prove his services except his statement and the affidavits hereto annexed.

He this applicant hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity except the present and he declares that his name is not on the Pension Roll of any agency in any State. (Signed with his mark) Philip Dinnis

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid. J. D. Parker Clk