

Pension Application for Richard Denny

S.16001

State of New York

Schoharie County SS.

Personally appeared before me the undersigned Judge of said County Richard Denny who being duly sworn deposeth and saith that by reason of old age and the consequent loss of memory he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his service but according to the best of his recollection he served no less than the periods mentioned below.

In the year 1776 was one month in actual service on the west side of the Hudson river nearly opposite Fishkill cannot recollect any officer excepting General Putnam who then commanded in the year 1777. In the spring I enlisted and served three months under Lieutenant Wood his Christian name not recollected in Colonel Candfield's Regiment, our service was building a goal in Dutches[s] County, the three months service I performed.

I then enlisted for three months more under the same Lieutenant Wood in Colonel Candfield[s] Regiment and was stationed at the prison to guard or safe keep the prisoners as set forth in my declaration. Recollect a Sergeant Benjamin Cook did duty there, and in the year of 1780 enlisted or engaged as a substitute under Capt. Noah Wheeler for Elijah Smith in Colonel Candfield's Regiment for three months and served the full tour at West Point fort when first there Gen'l Arnol[d] was in command but soon left the fort and Major Andre was taken, and was present when Andre was executed have no recollection who had the command after Arnol[d] left the fort recollect an officer said to be Gen'l Washington[s] aide and was there discharged in the year 1781.

Enlisted under Capt. John Seaton as a minute man for three months in Col'o Field's Regiment our duty was as a patrol guard on the lines in Dutches[s] County that was at that time and Westchester County in the State of New York every night and had no duty in the daytime as here to fore set forth—

And there is no living witness[s] to my knowledge that I can produce as to my service but as to my reputation if necessary I can produce the testimony of Frederick Smith, William Utter, Ezra Woodward, Selah M. Stevens, Capt. Isaac Buckingham and one hundred other is required by the war depart—

All my services I did as a privet soldier. (Signed with his mark) Richard Denny
Dated at Jefferson this 21st January 1834—Witness Erastus Judd