

Pension Application for William Dougherty

S.34333

Col VanSchaick's Regiment, New York Line, 1779 to 1781.

District of New Jersey SS.

On this twenty fourth day of August in the Term of August 1820, personally appeared in open court before the Judges of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas in and for the county of Sussex, in the State of New Jersey the said court being a court of record in said County, being constituted by the laws of this state a court of record having a seal, proceeding according to the course of the common law, having power to fine & imprison with a jurisdiction unlimited in point of amount in civil causes and keeping a record of its proceedings,--William Dougherty, of the age of eighty three years, resident in the Township of Independence, in said County, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth upon his oath, make the following declaration in order to obtain the provisions made by the acts of Congress of the 18th of March 1818, and the 1st of May, 1820.

That he the said William Dougherty enlisted on the seventeenth day of May 1775, at New Windsor in the State of New York, for the term of one year under Captain Morgan, afterwards Colonel & General Morgan, the well known commander of the Virginia Rifle Corps, then on a march to Boston, which term of service he completed, and obtained his discharge at Ticonderoga, on his return from Quebeck [sic]—in the year 1776, he was in the battle of Long Island as a Militia man, and in the Autumn following he enlisted for the term of one year, at Little Brittain [sic] Orange County, New York, under Captain Cooper in a Regiment commanded by Colonel John Nicholson, of the New York line, and served under this enlistment eight months and then reenlisted for a term of during the war, under Captain Benjamin Hicks in a Regiment commanded by Colonel Van Scoit [sic] of the first Regiment in the New York line, and served under the last command till in July 1779, when he was taken by the Indians at Fort Stanwix and continued a prisoner till after the close of the war; was at the taking of Burgoyne and in the Battle of Monmouth, and he has now no evidence of his service in his possession.—

And in pursuance of the act of the 1st of May 1820, the said William Dougherty doth solemnly swear that he was a resident, citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March, one thousand eight hundred and eighteen, and that he has not since that time by fits, sale, or in any manner disposed of his property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring himself within the provisions of an 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, passed on the 18th day of March one thousand eight hundred and eighteen, --

And that he has not, nor has any person in trust for him, any property or securities, contracts or debts due to him; nor has he any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed and by him subscribed.

And this declarant further says that he is eighty three years old, by occupation a Labourer, but by reason of age and infirmity is unable to pursue the same; -- That

his family resident with him, consists of his wife, named Catharine, aged about sixty three or sixty four years, too old and infirm to maintain herself and of two sons named Henry and James aged twenty one, and the other nearly seventeen who are able to maintain themselves and are at present this declarants sole dependence to prevent his becoming a town charge, and of one grandchild named Charles aged eight years.
(Signed with his mark) William Dougherty

Sworn to and declared in open court, the 24th day of August AD 1820. Jno. Johnson.

Schedule of the Property of William Dougherty, necessary clothing and bedding excepted.

Real Estate—None

Personal Estate—None. (Signed with his mark) William Dougherty

Sworn to & subscribed in opencourt the 24th day of August AD 1820, Jno Johnson;