

Pension Application for Richard Flausburgh or Flansburgh

R.3601

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

State of New York

County of Herkimer SS.

On this thirteenth day of October 1832, personally appeared in open Court before the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas of said county now sitting, Richard Flansburgh a resident of Russia in the County of Herkimer and State of New York, aged 56 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 7, 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated.

That on the first of March 1777 this applicant being then a resident of Clifton Park then Albany but now Saratoga County and State of New York enlisted in the Bateau Service to boat provisions for the army in the company of Captain Tunis Vischer of Albany for the term of ten months.

The company was formed of thirty men and attached to the state3 troops under the supervision and command of General Philip Schuyler. Their duties were to serve as Bateau men to procure timber for bridges, to cut and clear roads and to engage in any and every kind of service to advance the interests of the main army.

That they rendezvous'd at Stillwater immediately after his enlistment and were marched to Skeensborough by the command of General Schuyler and labored cutting saw logs under his direction for about 4 weeks, said logs were to be sawn into boards for the use of the soldiers in building barracks &c. They were then ordered to march to Fort Ann now in Washington County and State aforesaid where they staid 5 or 6 weeks engaged in making roads, during this time, they together with two other companies one under Captain William Peterson, and the other under Captain Cole constructed a causeway through a swamp three miles or thereabouts in length between Fort Ann and Fort Edward.

They were then ordered to Lake George and were engaged in forwarding provisions, arms, ammunition, camp utensils &c in Battering from the Fort on the southern extremity of Lake George to Ticonderoga.

The remained there thus engaged until the fore part of July when from the advance of Burgoyne's army they were ordered to retreat, and were marched on the retreat first to Fort Edward and then to Half Moon Point now Waterford. General Gates had then just arrived and taking his station on VanSchaick's Island.

It was made the business of the company to which this applicant belonged together with others similarly raised to man the boats upon the river to convey provisions and to make good the retreat of the army in case the Americans were defeated in the coming battle.

Whilst thus engaged and stationed at the boats and bateaux they were in distinct view of the battle of Stillwater and Bemus' Heights. They were also by

ascending a hill in full view of the battle of Saratoga when Burgoyne surrendered; during that battle General Arnold was wounded in the leg or ankle [ankle], General Arnold rode on horseback to where the boats lay General Gates ordered this applicant's Captain to select four men and to dispatch them with General Arnold in a boat to Albany.

This applicant was one of the four selected. They conveyed him to Albany where the Continentals received him and this applicant returned in the boat to Saratoga where they remained for some time and were then marched to Albany where they remained in service until the first day of January 1778 when they were dismissed. This applicant received a written discharge which he has since lost having served ten months.

That sometime in the month of September 1778 this applicant was drafted into the company of Captain John Vanderbergh of Half Moon Point in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Gordon of Ballston now Saratoga County and this applicant was marched from Clifton Park his place of residence on their way to Cherry Valley in Otsego County and State of New York where the Tories, Indians and British regulars under Colonel Brandt came across Schuyler's Lake in boats and broke into Cherry Valley and destroyed and burned it the night before the Regiment of Colonel Gordon and the Regiment of Colonel Klock (who were marching together) arrived.

The two Regiments were encamped for the night at a place called Brimstone Hill where Cherry Valley was destroyed. Colonel Alden it was send there [sic] was at Cherry Valley with a Regiment of Continentals and being with a family some little distance from the fort was surprised and killed with towards a dozen officers and soldiers with him at the time of the Regiments of Colonel's Gordon and Klock marched up to Cherry Valley then in ruins where they Gordon's regiment remained about two weeks and were then marched to Fort Plain now in Montgomery County where they remained until the expiration of one month from the time they were drafted and they were then verbally dismissed and this applicant returned to his home having served one month.

That in the month of August 1779 this applicant was again drafted for one month in the company of John Mahony Captain, who resided near Fort Edward. He lived except [???] Russia, now in Washington County and state afore said. There was a certain number drafted from each company of Militia men and they were marched to Fort Edward and placed under the command of a Colonel of the Continental troops whose name this applicant does not recollect and cannot state. This applicant remained there until the expiration of his said term of one month when he was verbally dismissed and returned to his house.

That this applicant was often during the war called out and served on short tours of duty but he cannot now state them with sufficient certainty to claim the benefit of this act therefor.

This applicant has no documentary evidence of his service, and knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service.

1. This applicant was born in a place called the English neighborhood in the State of New Jersey on the fourth day of February 1746.
2. He has a record of his age in his family Bible at his present residence.
3. He lived at Clifton Park now County of Saratoga and State of New York when called into service and during the Revolutionary War. He then removed to Schenectady Patent now County of Schenectady, where he resided four years. He then removed to Princetown in the same County where he resided some eight or ten years, he then removed to Benson in the County of Montgomery and State aforesaid, where he remained eight years; he then removed to the Town of Russia County of Herkimer and State aforesaid where he now resides.
4. The first tour of service this applicant enlisted or volunteered for ten months, the two other terms he was a drafted militia man.
5. General Gates, General Gage, General Arnold, General Schuyler were seen by this applicant during the battles of Stillwater, Bemus' Heights and Saratoga when Burgoyne surrendered. General Schuyler was at Albany until General Arnold was carried there wounded and he then went up to Saratoga. Colonel Alder had command at Cherry Valley when it was burnt and he was killed. Colonels Gordon, and Klock marched two Regiments to assist in defending Cherry Valley but did not arrive in season. The general circumstances of his service are particularly detailed above.
6. He received a written discharge at the expiration of his ten months service first above specified, but has lost and cannot find the same after diligent search.
7. He refers the Court of William J. Murray and William Webb of Russia his present place of residence who are well acquainted with this applicant and can testify to his character for veracity and to their belief of his having served as a soldier in the Revolution.

And this applicant in fact says that he was in actual service as a soldier or Batteaux man and attached to the regular army ten months and two months more as a drafted militia man.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state. (Signed with his mark) Richard Flansburgh

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid in open court. Julius C. Nelson, Clerk