

Pension Application for Dennis Garrison

S.15135

Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.
State of New York
County of West Chester SS.

Personally appeared on this fourth day of December in the year 1832 in open court before the Court of Common Pleas held at White Plains in and for the said County of West Chester now sitting Dennis Garrison resident of the Town of West Chester in the said Country and state aged seventy seven years on the thirteenth day of March last past 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 7th 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States and served as herein stated that is to say. That he first entered the said service in the Militia of the said country in the latter part of November 1776 in a company commanded by Capt Sybert Acker of Col. Hammonds Regiment of Militia consisting of about sixty men of the said Regiment served to guard the [?] Inhabitants who resided in and near what was then called the American lines which was then established from Tarry Town east by the way of Young's house to the White Plains. That they were stationed at the houses of Peter VanTassel and Cornelius VanTassel on the Saw Mill River Road about two Miles south of Youngs's Houses where their provisions and other stores were kept.

That the Declarant continued to serve in said company as a private soldier from the said Month of November until the first of May 1777.

That the Declarant then enlisted again in Capt Acker's company in a Regiment of Levies commanded by the said Col. Hammond for the Term of three months.

That he continued in the said Capt Ackers Company during the commands of Col. Hammond and Col. Luddington which in the whole was seven months on the said lines that after the expiration of the times for which Hammonds Regiment and Luddington's Regiment had expired the whole of the American troops having been withdrawn from those lines the said Col Hammond called out about sixty volunteers of his said Regiment as a guard to the Inhabitants who resided in that part of the said county who were put under the command of the said Sybert Acker, and continued to guard the several roads leading to the Brittish [British] out posts in Morrisimia.

That he served as a private soldier in said Capt Ackers at that time from some time in the month of December 1777 until the latter part of the month of April in the year 1778 when Col. Morris graham with a Regiment of Levies too the command of that Station.

That he then removed from the American Lines to Groton River and soon after to Peaks Kill in the upper part of the said County.

That in the Summer of the year of 1780 while he lived at Pecks he enlisted in a Company of Levies raised in the said County commanded by Capt. Benjamin Stephens for the term of five months. That their said company was stationed on the American

Lines in the said County and a great part of that time near [Pines?] Bridge over the Groton River.

That he was a Sergeant in said company and about five weeks of that time commanded the guard over the provisions and other stores of the American Troops then stationed on those lines.

That he was a volunteer guard to the American Troops in the Spring of the year 1780 when a party of Continental Troops and some Militia [horsemen?] of the said county stormed Col. Delancey's quarters in Morrisimia took a Capt Totten and about fourteen of Delanceys Refugees and that he continued to volunteer his services at all times during the remaining part of the Revolutionary War with the American troops whenever they made an excurtion [excursion?] to the various quarters in the southern parts of the said County of West Chester he being born and always lived in the said Town of West Chester until the commencement of the Revolutionary War and was particularly acquainted with that part of the said town which was occupied by the British Refugees from the year 1776 until the termination of said War and was in a number of conflicts with the Brittish [sic] Refugees during the said war but cannot now recollect the particular dates of those conflicts.

And the Declarant further states that he was born in the Town of West Chester in the said County on the thirteenth day of March in the year 1755 the record of his birth he herewith produces in court.

That the Declarant lived when he entered the American service in that part of the said County now the Town of Greenburgh as he has above stated. That he has always lived in the said County of West Chester and still lives in the said Town of West Chester where he was born. That this declarant always served by volunteer enlistments but never was drafted. That this declarant never received a written discharge from the service during the revolutionary war nor has he any written document relating to his said services.

That the following are the names of the Continental and other officers that he knew during his said services in the said war viz Col. Philip VanCortland, Col Burr, Major Null Capt. Pritchard Capt. Foyd, Col Sherman, Col Hammond Col Luddington, Major Strang and many others with whom he served during the said war but whose names he cannot now recollect.

That the names of the persons to whom he is know and who can testify to his truth and veracity and their belief of his services as a soldier of the Revolution are Isaac Delamater Senior & Isaac Delameter Junior.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a 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) Dennis Garrison

Sworn and subscribed the 4th day in December 1832 in open court before me.
N. Bayles Clk of said Court