

Pension Application for William Kiefer

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

On the eleventh day of December in the year of our Lord one thousand, eight hundred and thirty two personally appeared in open court before the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in and for the County of Ulster, being a Court of Record for said County proceeding according to the Course of the common law, with a Jurisdiction unlimited in point of amount, and keeping a record of their proceedings having a clerk and seal of their own, William Kiefer a resident of the town of Kingston in the County of Ulster aged seventy two 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 7th June 1832.

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

1st The said William Kiefer declares that he was born in the town of Kingston, County of Ulster, and State of New York, one the 31st day of March 1760.

2nd That the record of his age is contained in the book of Baptismal Records of the dutch [Dutch] Church of the town of Kingston.

3rd That when he was called into Service he was called into Service he lived in the town of Kingston in the County of Ulster and State of New York, and has always lived there.

4th That he was drafted, enlisted and volunteered into the service, but was not a substitute.

9 months, Witnesses Jacob Brink, John Viele. And the said William Kiefer Declares. That in the year 1778 he volunteered in the Nine months service and served under Lieutenant Levi DeWitt in Colonel Paulings Frontier Guards, and was stationed at big Shandaken in the picket fort around the house of one Jacob Longyear and Served the whole of the above "Nine months" on the Northwestern frontiers of Ulster County in the capacity of a private soldier, that he received no written discharge, has no documentary evidence of this service, and that where were no continental officers or Regiments with the troops.

5 months. And the said William Kiefer—further declares that he volunteered in the year 1779 for the term of three months in the company commanded by Captain Evert Bogardus of Kingston and served in said company for about one month at Fishkill in Dutchess County and there Enlisted in the New York State troops under Lieutenant Peter Elsworth for the term of four months and that Edward Whitaker enlisted at the same time who is now dead, that they joined the Continent Army under General Washington at Peekskill and were put in the Regiment of colonel VanCourtland, Lieutenant Colonel Wisenvelt, in the company commanded by Lieutenant Rodolphus VanHoevenburgh, and served in New Jersey was present when Major Andre was executed, and served as a waiter to General Washington part of the

time and the residue as a private soldier, at the end of said service obtained a written discharge from Lieutenant Colonel Wisenvelt which is now lost and has no documentary evidence of this service.

4 mos. And the said William Kiefer further declares that in the year 1781 he volunteered in the frontier Guard of the County of Ulster and Served for "four" months in said service (viz) two months under Lieutenant Emerick stationed at Peter Shorts in the town of Woodstock "one" month at Tobias Wynkoops and "one" month at Evert Wynkoops in the town of Saugerties all in the County of Ulster, that he did not receive any but a verbal discharge from this service, that he has no documentary evidence thereof, and that all his services in the Revolutionary War were in the capacity of a private soldier.

1 month. Witness George Van Vleit. And the said William Kiefer further declares that he served in the frontier guard in the year 1776 for one month in the Company or detachment commanded by Lieutenant Simon Lefever now deceased stationed at one Andries [Piseleys?] in the town of Woodstock in Ulster County as a private soldier.

2 months. Witness [Warren] France. And he further declares that he served in said guards, in said war in the year 1777 for "Two" months in the detachment commanded by Lieutenant Petrus Osterhoudt Stationed at Shandaken in the County of Ulster, and that he received no other but a verbal discharge, that he was drafted and was no substitute, that he served as a private soldier and has no documentary evidence of these services.

And the said William Kiefer further declares that he has in the whole served during the Revolutionary War for more than Two years in the Militia and Continental Troops, but that owing to the continual requisitions that were made upon the militia of the town of Kingston in order to protect the Village of Kingston against the Indians and Tories, it is out of his power particularly to state the times when, and the places where, and the names of the officers under whom he performed each service, that the Village of Kingston was then no more than two miles from the frontiers and required the utmost vigilance to protect it against the Indians and Tories, that the inhabitants of the town were in a continual state of alarm and consequently every person able to bear arms was at all times under arms.

That he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, and he declares that his name is not on the pension Roll of any agency of any state. (Signed) William Kiefer

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid, A. D. Soper, First Judge & A.G. Hardenburgh, Abm A.Deyo, Jacob Tumpborm, Judges.