

Pension Application for Jeremiah Kinner

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State of New York

County of Suffolk SS.

On this second day of October in the year 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the judges of the Court of Common Pleas of the said County of Suffolk being a Court of record of the said County and State, now sitting, Jeremiah Kinner a resident of the Town of Brookhaven in the said County of Suffolk and State of New York aged seventy four years on the fourteenth day of July last, 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 was born in the Town of Brooklyn in the County of Kings and said State of New York in the year 1758. That he has not any record of his age. That he was living in the said Town of Brookhaven when called into service as hereafter mentioned and has always resided there since that time except whilst serving in the Revolutionary War and still resides there.

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

That some time in the month of February 1770 [must mean 1776 but the particular day he cannot recollect he enlisted as a volunteer to serve as a private soldier for six months and upwards but how much longer he does not distinctly recollect in a company of militia commanded by Captain Selah Strong lieutenant and Lieutenant Nathaniel Brewster was the first lieutenant, and Lieutenant Nathaniel Brewster was the second Lieutenant.

That he enlisted in the said town of Brookhaven. That he entered immediately into active service with the said company and was stationed at Mount Misery to guard the country from the apprehended invasions of the British and the tories.

That he remained and served at Mount Misery which is in the said Town of Brookhaven until August following his enlistment when he went with his company to the West end of Long Island when they composed a part of the regiment commanded by Colonel Jonah Smith in General Nathaniel Woodhull's Brigade.

That he retreated with the American Troops under General Washington into the City of New York where they remained some time under the command of Lieutenant Caleb Brewster, Captain Strong being sick at home with a fever. That this deponent remained in and about New York in the service until his said term of enlistment had expired when he was regularly discharged from service by Lieutenant Caleb Brewster.

That he has not now any written discharge and cannot state the exact time when he was discharged; but this deponent is positive that he was actually engaged in active service under the said enlistment for the term of six months and upwards. That he returned to Brookhaven aforesaid when he remained until the British took possession of that part of Long Island when he left there and went to Goshen in Orange County in the state of New York where he remained until Minisink was burnt

and not that night as far as Howell's tavern where they staid all night that the next morning they rode to the fort at Minisink which was then inserted by the Indians.

That the Indians supposing that the Light horse were coming retreated into the woods when this deponent and his associates entered the Fort. That the militia commanded by Colonels Thurston, Haythorn, and Wisner entered the fort on the same day when this deponent joined Captain McDowell's company.

That this deponent in company with a detachment consisting of about one hundred and thirty three men in the same day followed in pursuit of the Indians who were commanded by Butler and Brandt. That they had several skirmishes with the Indians in case of which Colonel Thurston was killed close by this deponent's side, and this deponent was wounded by a ball in his knee. That the American forces were eventually defeated and dispersed and this deponent reach Minisink the next day. That this deponent then returned home to Goshen where he was confined by his wounds and unable to do any business for about three months.

That during this period this deponent was ordered by Captain McDonell to go to West Point but the sergeant who was directed to call on this deponent on seeing him reported him unfit for duty and he was thereupon suffered to remain at home. That soon after this deponents recovery he was directed by Captn McDowell to proceed to a log fort about ten miles North of Minisink near the residence of Captn DeWitt. That this deponent accordingly proceeded to that period of three months when his term of enlistment of service being up he went home.

That this deponent has not any written discharge, and as the transactions are of a remote date he cannot state the exact times when the services performed by him subsequent to the retreat from Long Island commenced or terminated, by this deponent is positive that the times when he was engaged in fighting the Indians, was confined by his wounds and was stationed at the said last mentioned Fort as herein before mentioned taken together exceeded six calendar months that the Honorable Thomas S. Strong who is the son of Captain Selah Strong can prove his services in Captain Strongs company and this deponent does not now recollect any person now living who served with him.

He hereby relinquishes any 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) Jeremiah Kinner

Sworn to and Subscribed in open Court the day and year aforesaid. Joseph L. Huntting, Clk