

Pension Application for James Kip

R.5983

State of New York

Dutchess County SS.

On this seventh day of September in the year one thousand eight hundred and thirty two personally appeared before me Robert J. Livingston one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas of Dutchess County James Kip a resident of the town of Rhinebeck in the County of Dutchess and State aforesaid who says that he was eighty years of age the last day of August last past, 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 concerning Revolutionary pensioners.

That this deponent was born in the year of our Lord 1752 at Rhinebeck in the County of Dutchess as appears by a record of deponents age at the Dutch Reformed Church at Rhinebeck aforesaid.

Deponent when called into service was living in the town of Rhinebeck aforesaid that deponent immediately after the war continued to reside & still does reside at Rhinebeck aforesaid.

That this deponent entered the service and served as a volunteer & in the Malitia in the early part of the year 1776 & served as a private through the whole of the war of the Revolution. That he belonged to a company Commanded by Captain David VanNess, Lieutenant Frederic Benner, Ensign Philip Fellow, first Sergeant Jacob Cole, second sergeant Christopher Waldorph which company to belonged to the Regiment commanded by Colonel Graham which Regiment belonged to the Brigade commanded by Genl Tenbrook.

That at the commencement of the War deponent was again engaged for some time in drilling & exercising preparing for service, that when not on some scouting expedition it was their custom to drill & exercise every evening that deponent was ordered to be and did always hold himself in readiness to go tout on scouting expeditions at a moment's warning, that for the few first years of the war he was almost continually engaged in this business of scouting that he was employed day & night in woods & in different parts of Dutchess & Columbia & Ulster Counties in these exploring & scouting expeditions & that when a little leisure was afforded he was, under drill & preparations as aforesaid, that they were successful in apprehending a number of Tories & Indians, Deponent was drafted and went to Poughkeepsie in the County aforesaid as a guard for the Prisoners confined in the Court House of that place that Capt. Wilson who belonged to the said Regiment had the command.

Deponent cannot recollect the precise time of this service thinks however it was the Autumn of 1777 was employed in this service for one month night & day. Genl Clinton resided at Poughkeepsie at this time. Deponent was personally acquainted with Genl Clinton & received many kind attentions from him.

In the year 1781 or 1782 in the Autumn deponent was drafted to go to the City of New York to retake the City and went as far as Fishkill where they were engaged for

4 weeks in drilling & preparing for the service under Capt. Wilson. While thus employed the war ended and deponent with his companions were discharged.

Deponent says that he was employed in the above services from the beginning to the end of the war, that he scarcely had any leisure but was continually employed as above.

Deponent further says that he is poor & helpless that he has a wife & is dependant upon her daily labor & the charity of his friends for a subsistence. That the Court House is a great distance from his residence & that he is unable to appear before said Court at its next sitting therefore he is compelled to make his declaration before a single Judge of said Court.

That deponent never had a written discharge from the service that he has no documentary evidence of his revolutionary services. That he knows of no person now living who was with him in service for who can testify from their personal knowledge of such service and that he hereby relinquishes all claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present. That his name is not on the Pension Roll of the Agency of any State.

Deponent further says that Jacob Shaver and William Benner who reside near deponent can testify to his character for truth and veracity. (Signed with his mark)
James Kip

Witness present. E. E. Coalis

Sworn before me this 7th September 1832. Robt J. Livingston, one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas of Dutchess County