

Pension Application for Cornelius Minkler

W.1451 (Widow: Caroline) Married Carolyn Snyder October 5, 1799, Cornelius died April 6, 1834.

Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed the 7th of June 1832.

State of New York
Ulster County SS.

On the thirty first day of January in the year one thousand eight hundred and thirty four personally appeared before me Henry Wynkoop one of the Judges of the County Courts in and for said County of Ulster Cornelius Minkler a resident of the town of Saugerties of said County 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 the 7th of June 1832.

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

That in the spring of the year on or about the first of April 1778 he volunteered in Militia Service of the State of New York in the revolutionary war in a company of Rangers Commanded by Captain Andrew VanLeuven of the Town of Saugerties of the County of Ulster for three months. That he with the said Company was stationed at the house of one Tobias Wynkoop in said town and at different places on the frontier of the Counties of Ulster and Greene Scouting and marching to protect the inhabitants from the incursions of the Tories and Indians that he believes that said company belonged in the regiment of Coll Snyder of Kingston and continued in said service as a private soldier untill on or about the first of July of the same year and was discharged received no written discharge and that he remember none alive to testify to the said mentioned service.

That immediately after the first mentioned service on on [sic] or about the first of July in the year 1778 this applicant again volunteered in the service of the United States as a private soldier under the command of Peter Osterhoudt of said Town of Saugerties as a frontier guard and was stationed at different places on the frontier of said County of Ulster and green in the towns of Saugerties Woodstock and Shandaken and along the foot of Catskill Mountains that the said Company belonged in Colonel Snyder's Regiment of Kingston that he with the said Company Continued in the said service for the term of four months or more and was discharged late in the fall or on or about the first of November following in the said town of Saugerties received no written discharge.

And this applicant further declares that in the spring of the year or on or about the first of April in the year 1779 he again volunteered in said United States Service under the command of Lt Martin Hommel of said town of Saugerties in Coll Snyders Regiment for four months as a private soldier and was stationed at different places along the frontier of the County of Ulster in the town of Saugerties as a frontier guard and continued in said service untill on or about the first of August and was discharged

in said town of Saugerties received no written discharge and remembers none alive who was with him in said service.

And this applicant further declares that on or about the first of August and immediately after the last mentioned service he again volunteered in said service under the command of Lieutenant Samuel Schoonmaker in Colonel Pawlings regiment, of the town of Marbletown in said County as a private soldier for five months that the said Company met at the house of Peter Short in the town of Woodstock and continued there as a frontier guard for two months that he with the said Company then marched through the town of Shandaken to a place called [Peparkton?] in the County of Delaware and remained there about two months that he with the said company after suffering much hunger and cold marched back to the house of Peter Short in said town of Woodstock and was discharged about the first of January 1780 making a service of five months or more received no written discharge and remembers none alive who can testify to the abaaove mentioned service.

And this applicant further declares that on or about the first of April in the ayr 1780 he again volunteered in the aforesaid United Service as a private soldier in a company commanded by Captain Livingston; Colonel Pawlings Regiment for nine months that he with the said company had their principal head Quarters near the foot of the blue mountains in the said town of Saugerties at the house of one Tobias Wynkoop [?] at the house of Evert Wynkoop and in the town of Woodstock and Shandeken and at various other places on the frontiers of said Counties of Ulster and Greene as a guard to protect the inhabitants from the incursions of the Indians and Tories and continued in said Service untill on or about the first of January in the year 1781 making a service of Nine Months or more and received no written discharge.

And this applicant further declares that in the summer of the year 1781 he again volunteered ins aid United States service as a private soldier in a company of Rangers commanded by Capt Moses Yeoman's in Colonel Snyder's Regiment of Kingston that for the term of six months he with the said Company met and was stationed at the house of one Houghtaling in said town of Kingston a majority of their time but they scouted and marched to various other places to in the town of Kingston Saugerties Woodstock and frequently along the foot of the Catskill Mountains being the frontiers of the County of Ulster and Greene as a guard to protect the inhabitants from the incursions of the tories and Indians and that he with the said Company continued in said service until on or about the first day of January 1782—and was discharged in the town of Kingston received no written discharge making the full term of six months or more.

And further declares that the reason s he has not made application before is because he was informed that it was necessary to appear in court to which he was unable and was in hopes that he might be able at some future day, but has not since nor is there any prospect of his recovery he has been induced to send for Judge Wynkoop.

To the interrogatories prescribed by the War Department he answers.

1st That he was born in the town of Saugerties County of Ulster State of New York 5th of April AD 1761.

2nd That he has a record of his age in his family Bible.

3rd That he lived at the time of the Revolutionary War lived there since and now lives in said town of Saugerties.

4th That he always volunteered.

5th That he knew no other officers save than stated in the above declaration.

6th That he has no written discharge nor any documentary evidence.

7th That he knows Hezekiah Wynkoop, Tobias Wynkoop Esquire, Zarkariah Bocker, Harlowe Perkins, Jeremiah Russell Esauire, Post master all respectable inhabitants of his neighborhood who can testify to my character for truth and veracity and their belief of my services as a revolutionary soldier—

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 any agency in any state. (Signed) Cornelius Minkler

Sworn to and subscribed the day year aforesaid before me. Henry Wynkoop one of the Judges of the County Courts of the County of Ulster.