

Pension Application for Simon Newcomb

S.15542 Died Sept 23, 1846.

Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June 7, 1832.

State of New York

County of Clinton SS.

On this ninth day of November 1832 personally appeared before John Warfoard Esquire one of the Judges of the Courts of Common Pleas of the County of Clinton (the same being a court of record) Simon Newcomb a resident of Plattsburg in said County aged seventy eight—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 June 7, 1832.

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

I was born in the town of Nine Partners in the County of Dutchess and State of New York—on the thirtieth day of November 1753. I have a record of my age in my family bible which I have had more than forty years. I have recently referred to said record.

I resided at Nine Partners NY and enlisted at that place the forepart of June 1776 into Capt. Melancton Smith's Company of Rangers New York State Troops, for four months, (we had no colonel, Stephen Haight was our Lieutenant & one Holmes I think was Ensign) William Banker & Kinner Newcomb entered the same company with me at the same time.

I served at Nine Partners in guarding and apprehending Tories, until the month of August 1776 when I marched through FishKill & Peekskill NY to Verplanks Point N.Y. and was at the latter place when the British ship Asia 74 & some other small vessels came up the North River & anchored opposite Verplanks Point.

I served there in watching the motions of the enemy & preventing them landing until about the first of September of the same year when I went up towards White Plains and I served between those places and on Peekskill mountains and on the lines until the forepart of October 1776 when I returned to FishKill and from thence to Poughkeepsie and served there in guarding prisoners until the last of October 1776 when I marched to Nine Partners (12 miles distant from Poughkeepsie) & was there discharged having served in said Company the term for which I enlisted and one month longer, making five months which time I actually served as a private in said Company having enlisted therein as a volunteer.

I received no written discharge. After my discharge I remained at Nine Partners N.Y. until the 10th December 1776 when I again enlisted at that place as a volunteer in the same company for three months & marched from there to White Plains & staid there awhile & then went on to Valentines' Hill and was engaged in a skirmish with the British at that place. I served at Valentine's Hill until the last of February 1777 when I was discharged I think in West or East Chester N.Y., having served my three months for which I enlisted short two weeks (making this term of service two months and a half & a little over. The whole company was discharged when I was.

I believe that that the reason why we were dismissed before our time had fully expired was that our services could then be dispensed with for the remainder of the time (2 weeks) during this two months & a half service I was attached to Colonel Graham's New York State Troops. I had no written discharge.

After my discharge I remained at Nine Partners until the 10th of August 1777 I again enlisted at that place as a volunteer private in Captain John Rouse's Company, Col. Graham's New York Regt of State Troops for three months. (Lt. Ingalls) marched from thence to Lansingburg N.Y. and there joined the Regiment we were attached to Genl. Glover's Brigade—marched from thence to Stillwater & Bemus' Heights and there encamped and laid there the sixteenth day of October 1777 when Burgoyne retreated and we pursued and on the 19th of the same month we captured his army.

I was engaged in Genl Gates division at the time of the battle. After the surrender of Burgoyne, I returned to Albany with our Regt and then we marched down the North River to a place called Esopus N.Y. where we arrived about the last of October 1777 & where we remained until the tenth of November 1777 when my time was out and I was dismissed with my company at that place, having served my time three months full out. I had no written discharge.

After my discharge I returned to Nine Partners N.Y. & remained there till June or July 1778 when I turned out with the whole militia forces, I served under Capt. Elijah Herrick, Col Frayer's Regt N.Y. militia three weeks, we marched through Peekskill, Fishkill, to where the British were lying and remained there about eight days when we commenced our march back again I was discharged with our company at Peekskill landing having served three weeks. This was an alarm and every time [?] turned out.

The next year 1779 I went again into service at Nine Partners into Captain Ostraus Company Col. Frayer's Regt New York Militia marched from that place to Poughkeepsie, Fishkill & Peekskill and after serving three weeks I was discharged at Peekskill NY in July 1779. This three weeks service was all in the month of July 1779 our whole company was discharged with me. I returned then to Nine Partners N.Y. and resided there till 1783 when I moved to Pittstown N.Y. where I have ever since resided and where I now reside—

The names of persons to whom I am known in my present neighborhood who can testify as to my character for veracity and their [their] belief of my services as a soldier of the revolution are Isaac Kinner, Jonathan Hunter, John Palmer, Hiram Roberts, Prentiss Storrs, Daniel Robinson, Benjamin F. Fisk, Judge Kinner Newcomb, Hon. John Warford, Hon. Caleb Nichols & the whole neighborhood.

I have no documentary evidence and know of no person whose testimony I can procure who can testify to my service except Judge Kinner Newcomb and William Banker whose affidavits will accompany this declaration.

I hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a Pension or annuity except the present and declare that my name is not on the pension Roll of the agency of any State. I actually served during the Revolution one year had some services not enumerated as a volunteer private. (Signed) Simon Newcomb

Sworn and Subscribed to before me this ninth day of November 1832 and I certify that the Deponent is a credible person and that it has been satisfactorily proven to me that he was sick & unable to attend the last October Term of the County Court of said County. (the only court of record held in said county since the act of Congress of June 7, 1832) in consequence being severely afflicted in his eyes and with a fever. And I further Certify that he is still unable by reason of bodily infirmity to attend Court one of his eyes has run out so that he is entirely blind of site [sight] and he is still very weak & feeble and subjected to diziness [dizziness]. John Warford, Judge of Clinton Common Pleas Counsellor &c