

Pension Application for Richard J. Parker

S.43801

State of New York

Washington County SS.

Richard J. Parker being duly sworn deposes and saith—That he was a soldier in the Army of the United States in the Revolutionary War on the Continental Establishment.

That he enlisted as such soldier in the character and capacity of Drummer in the New York line under Capt. John Wendall in the regiment commanded by Col. G. VanShaik [VanSchaick] at Schenectady in s'd State in December 1777 for during the war. That after this he was in the action and with said regiment at Monmouth, under the said Col. V.Shaik, soon after which Col. V.Shaik gave the active command of s'd regiment to Lieut Col. VanDyke of s'd regiment. That he was then at Fort Stanwix the regiment to which he belonged having relieved the 3d N.York regiment commanded by Col. Gansevoort, where he continued with his s'd regiment about two years, during which time he and the s'd regiment were almost continually fighting the Indians at and about said Fort, where almost every hardship and suffering was endured, both from the scanty supply of rations and cloathing [clothing] as from the peculiar character of the enemy we had to visit—that after this he was at Yorktown at the taking of Cornwallis--& that, he continued in said regiment from the time of his s'd enlistment untill the peace in 1782 when he was discharged at the Newburgh Huts in the s'd State of New York by the said Lt. Col VanDyke at which time he belonged to Capt. John C. TenBrock's company - and he further saith that he was discharged as aforesaid with the Badge of Honor which was a mark of distinction given by the Commander in Chief Genl George Washington to all those who had served for during the war without disgrace—which discharge he lost a number of years ago—that he is now fifty three years old—of infirm body unable to labour for a support; and that by reason of his reduced circumstances in life he is in need of the assistance of his country for a support—and that he now lives in the Town of Greenwich in the County of Washington State of New York—

He therefore prays that he may be inscribed on the Pension List in pursuance of the law of the 18th of March 1818 providing for persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War. (Signed) Richard J. Parker

Subscribed and sworn this 29th day of March 1819 before me Henry C. Martindale one of the Judges of the Washington Common Pleas.