

## **Pension Application for Phillip Race**

S.5970

State of New York

Columbia County SS.

On this 14 day of Jany 1833 personally appeared in open court before the Justices of the Justices Court now sitting in the City of Hudson in the County and State aforesaid Phillip Race a resident of the Town of Livingston In the County of Columbia and State of New York 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 Acct [act] of Congress passed June 7<sup>th</sup> 1832.

That he was born In the Town of Nobletown (now Hillsdale) ion the County of Columbia & State of New York—on the third day of October 1760, that he has no record of his age but gives it as he received it from his father & mother that he moved from the Town of Nobletown to the Town of Claverack when quite young.

That he first entered the service in Colonel VanRensalaer[‘s] Regiment at Claverack in the County & State aforesaid, on or about the First of Augt 1775 under Capt John Osterhoudt, does not recollect the Lieutenant or Ensigns names. Abraham Etting was orderly sergeant frequently went with said Etting to draw provisions we marched from Claverack to Greenbush opposite Albany where we remained that night next day we crossed the river and marched to Schenectady where we encamped and remained most of the time until we were discharged some time in October 1775 had no written discharge were once marched from Schenectady towards Fort Hunter but were met by an express who ordered us to return to our old quarters at Schenectady. Tour at least two months as a private.

In the Summer of 1776 marched from Claverack as a volunteer under the aforesaid Capt Osterhoudt do no recollect the other officers names started the first of June and went by the way of Greenbush Albany & Schenectady to Fort Hunter remained there until one month expired and was discharged the first of July 1776 there were no other troops stationed at fort Hunter while we were there red’c no written Discharge.

Term as a private one month.

Again in the Fall of 1776 went under the same officers I think Cornelius VanDusen was Ensign and Abm Etting Sergt marched in the month of Sept to Schoharry went by the way of Albany and after remaining at Schoharry two weeks were discharged and returned to Claverack. Term 2 weeks.

Again in the Summer of 1777 volunteered in the Company of Capt. John Osterhoudt Lieutenant Becraft does not recollect the ensigns name we were under the Command of Colonel Harry Livingston Marched from Claverack about June 1<sup>st</sup> 1777 to Albany when Capt. Osterhoudt was taken sick and returned home and we went on under the Lieutenant from Albany we marched to Stillwater and was then marched to different places which I cannot recollect we were kept advancing and retreating as circumstances required in the neighborhood of Burgoine’s Army at our time a part of the Troops to which I belonged had a Scrimage with Burgoine’s men I was not in the

scrimmage we retreated before the enemy to an Island at or near the Junction of the Hudson & Mohawk where we remained a few days we were under the command of Generals Scuyler [Schuyler] & Gates there were many other Regiments with us but from age and loss of memory I cannot now state the names of any or of their officers except those ahead named—On the day that Buyrgoine surrendered I was at Stillwater and was discharged soon after being about the 20<sup>th</sup> or 25<sup>th</sup> of Oct 1777.

Term 4 ½ months as private.

And this applicant further says he has no documentary evidence that he can produce and that the only living witnesses that he can find are Joshua Brooks & David Potts whose affidavits are hereunto annex'd that the persons to whom he would refer the department for character as to Truth & Veracity are John VanDusen Esqr Christian Patrie Esqr and Nicholas TenBroeck Esqr that he cannot procure the testimony of a Clergyman in as much as the clergyman who is not settled in the Town where he resides is a young man and has been settled but a short time.

He hereby relinquishes every claim 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 and that he has always resided in the County & State aforesaid both before & since the Revolution at & near where he now resides. (Signed with her mark) Phillip Race

Sworn & subscribed the day & year first above mentioned. J.D. Parker, Clerk