

Pension Application for Matthias Randolph

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To the Honorable James Emott first Judge of the Court of Common Pleas, of the County of Dutchess, which is a Court of Record of the State of New York.

The Declaration under oath of Matthias Randolph formerly a soldier engaged in the Service of the United States, during the Revolutionary War, and now a Citizen of the United States, and resident of the town of Fishkill in Dutchess County and State of New York Respectfully Showeth, that he said Matthias Randolph on the twenty fifth day of December in the year one thousand seven hundred and seventy six at Fishkill in Dutchess County enlisted in a company in the American service commanded by Captain Thomas Lee, in the fifth regiment of the New York line commanded by Colonel Lewis DuBois for the term of three years, that he served as a private soldier in the same company under his said enlistment, and until he was discharged at Morristown in New Jersey about the twenty seventh day of December in the year one thousand seven hundred and seventy nine; that at the time of his said discharge the said ;company was commanded by Captain Henry DuBois, that the discharge of the said Mathias before the close of the war was delivered to Michael Conelley the paymaster and agent of the regiment, since which he has not heard of the same.

And this Declaration further representeth that the said Matthias Randolph is now a Citizen of the United States, land residing in Fishkill aforesaid and is by reason of his reduced circumstances in life, in need of assistance from his country for support; and that he has never had any pension from the government of the United States.

Therefore he conceives himself entitled to the benefit of the Act of the Congress of the United States, entitled, "An Act to provide for certain persons engaged in the Land and Naval Service of the United States, in the Revolutionary War," approved, March 18, 1818, and requests that your Honor will examine into the truths of the matters aforesaid, certify and transmit the testimony in this case, and the proceedings had thereon to the Honorable the Secretary of the Department of war, to the end that such relief may be had in the premises, as is by law in such case provided. And in support of the facts above set forth, he refers to the affidavits of himself and of Henry Dodge hereafter set forth. Dated the 20th day of April 1818. (Signed) Matthias Randolph.

County of Dutchess ss. Matthias Randolph being duly sworn says, that the matters by him set forth in the foregoing Declaration, are in all respects just and true. Sworn the 20 day of April 1818 before me. James Emott.