

### **Pension Application Abraham Requa**

W.17521 (Widow: Bethia) Married October 18, 1782. He died November 1, 1843.

Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the [act] of Congress passed June 7<sup>th</sup> 1832.

State of New York

County of WestChester SS.

Personally appeared on this 4<sup>th</sup> day of December 1832 in open court before the court of Common Pleas held at White Plains in and for the said county of WestChester now sitting Abraham Requa a resident of YorkTown in the said County and State aged seventy three years on the twentyeth [twentieth] day of November last past who being 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<sup>th</sup> 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States and served as herein stated that is to say.

That he first entered the service of the United States In the first of May 1776 as a private In an Independent Company commanded by Capt William Dutcher, Daniel Martling and Graham Sherwood were Lieutenants in the said company for the term of six months. That soon after the said company were completed, they were marched to Kings Bridge and were immediately employed in building fort Independence at that place that he thinks their said company were annexed to Coll Thomas Thomas' Regiment. That he continued to serve as a private soldier in said company at Fort Independence during that summer and until after the Brittish [British] troops had taken possession of the city of New York when Fort Independence was evacuated by the Americans and their said company retreated from thence to the White Plains.

That the Regiment commanded by the said Col. Thomas Thomas to which this company was annexed was stationed a little North of White Plains on the west side of a Mill Pond known then as Nortan's Pond. That they continued in that situation until after the Battle of White Plains. That a few days after the said Battle the said Regiment was ordered to Pines Bridge over the Groton River In the said County and from thence to Peekskill. That after the greater part of Genl Washington's army had crossed the North River, their said Regiment was ordered to Sing Sing on the east side of the Hudson and continued there until the time for which the men had enlisted when they were discharged. That he continued during the whole of that time in the said Company.

That in the beginning of December then next. The American troops having been withdrawn from the Vicinity of Tarry Town and White Plains and the [?] Inhabitants exposed to the Depredations of the Plundering parties of the Brittish Refugees. The Declarant with about sixty of the said Inhabitants were embodied under a Capt Acker and took up their quarters at the homes of Peter Vantasseland Cornelius Vantassel on the Saw Mill River Road and continued to serve on that station until the beginning of the month of May then next when a draft was made on the Militia of the said County to raise four companies of three months men to be under the command of said Lt. Col Hammand that the Declarant enlisted again in Capt. Ackers Company in said

Regiment. That the head quarters of the said Regiment was kept at Young's House that he served the said three months.

When another draft was made on the Militia of the Southern part of the County of Dutchess and Middle and Northern parts of the said County of WestChester that about four hundred men was raised by that draft and was commanded by a Col Luddington Col Hammond was Lt Col, under Luddington and these men were to serve four month[s] that the Declarant again inlisted [enlisted] as a private and served in Capt Ackers Company in said Regiment during said four months on the American lines in the said County which had been sometime previous established from Tarry Town East by the way of Young's house to the White Plains.

That after the times for which the men composing Luddington's Regiment had been enlisted had expired. The Wig [Whig] Inhabitants residing on and near those lines were again exposed to the ravages of the plundering parties of the British Refugees. That about one hundred and fifty of the Militia of the said Country was again called out and took possession of those lines and continued to guard the several roads leading to the British out part, in Morrissinia from some time in the month of December 1777 until in the latter part of the month of April 1778 when they were relieved by a Regiment of Levies raised in the Counties of Dutcher and WestChester for the term of nine months under the command of Coll Morris Graham.

That the Declarant immediately enlisted as a private in Cap. Acker's company in said Regiment and served as a soldier in said Regiment during the said term. That during the summer of 1778 Genl Washington's Army soon after the Battle of Monmoth [Monmouth] arrived on those lines and all the men of the composing Col. Graham's Regiment enlisted into the Continental Service excepting about sixty or seventy who continued on those lines under the command of Capt Daniel Williams, Lt Abraham Van Wort and Lt Heddy who after the Continental Troops had been withdrawn from the said lines took their quarters at Young's House and continued to hold; that part until on the night of the twenty fourth day of December 1778 when they were attacked by the Britttish Refugees and the said House taken by storm by the said Refugees that Capt Williams a number of his men and Joseph Young's the owner of the said house were Captured by the said Refugees and the Barn of the said Joseph Youngs was burnt by them.

That the times of the men expired on the first day of January 1779. That this declarant and about twenty men made their escape but sever of them were so severely frozen as to be totally unfit for duty. Lt VanWort therefore discharged what remained of the said Regiment. That in the early part of January 1779 Col Aron Burr arrived on those lines with about five hundred Continental Troops, who took up his head quarters at said Youngs's house and immediately engaged eight Horsemen and twelve footmen as guides to his detachment. That the Declarant was one who enlisted as one of the foot guides that they were commanded by a Lt Peacock and continued to serve as such during the command of the said Col Burr and Major William Hull who succeeded Col Burr in the command of that Station and continued on those lines until the fifth or sixth day of June 1779 when the Continental

That troops were again withdrawn from that station. That the militia who resided on and near those lines were again obliged to embody themselves and defend that part of the said Country from the plundering parties of the said British Refugees. That they drew pay for one year from the State of New York in Certificates after the termination of the war. That the declarant after that period was frequently engaged in expeditions against the Refugees in Morrissiania but for short periods.

That he well remembers being with a party of Volunteers commanded the militia Horsemen consisting of about two hundred who made an attack on the said Refugees in their in their huts in Morrissienia in the month of March 1782 when they took a Lieut and about thirty private persons that they were pursued in this retreat by the said Refugees about twenty eight miles. That they lost eight or ten men in killed and wounded. That Abraham Dyckmen one of the most brave and useful men among the said guides was mortally wounded during the said retreat but that they Brot off all their prisoners and a number of horses taken from the said Refugees.

And the Declarant further says that he knows of no person by whom he could prove his services other than those whose affidavits are hereto annexed.

And the Declarant further states that the persons to whom he is known in his present neighborhood & who can testify to his character and also to their belief of his being a soldier of the revolution are Richard Wynkoop a Clergyman in the town of Yorktown aforesaid & & Jesse Fowler of said town.

That he has no documentary evidence relating to his enlistments services of discharge and that 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 the agency of any state.

In answer to the interrogatories presented by the war department Declarant says that he was born in the year 1759 at Mount Pleasant in the County of West Chester.

Declarant has a record of his age taken from his family Bible and produced in court. When first called into service he was living at Mount Pleasant aforesaid & has lived in said town of Mount Pleasant during the revolutionary war & a few years after the peace and ever since that time in the town of Yorktown aforesaid in which Declarant now lives that in the year 1776 Declarant was drafted for six months.

After that period for the residue of his services Declarant was a volunteer and never a substitute. The ;names of some of his regular officers who were with the troops where Declarant served were Col Thomas Thomas, Coll Burrs rangers and Morris Graham, Col. Luddington, Major Strang, Captain William Dutcher, Capt Sybert Acker, Capt Daniel William, Col. James Hammond. The general circumstances of Declarant's services are detailed in the preceding declaration. Declarant never had a discharge in writing. (Signed) Abraham Requa

Sworn &b Subscribed to the day and year aforesaid in open court before N.Bayles Clk of said Court.