

Pension Application for Finle Ross

S.4128

State of New Jersey

County of Morris SS

On this 5th day of July 1833 personally appeared in open court before the court being the Court of Common Pleas now sitting Finle Ross, a resident of the Town of Jefferson in the County of Morris and State of New Jersey, aged 71 years 5 months 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 7th 1832.

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

First—

That in the month of April 1778 I volunteered from the Montgomery Regiment in Orange County New York under Captain Levi DeWitt at the house of George Smith Inkeeper [innkeeper] in Shawangunk N.Y. for nine months and served for nine months on the frontiers on the Westerly side of Shawangunk Mountain as a private in the Militia in the Regiment of Col. Albert Paulding and was discharged after the said 9 months service in Wawarsing at the house of [?] Brodheard.

Second—

That in the month of April 1780 the company to which I belonged was classed at the said house of George Smith ion Shawangunk N.Y. at which time I volunteered for the Class to which I belonged in Eight months and received about fifteen dollars as a bounty made up by the Class—that I was placed in the company of Captain Piercy and in the Regiment of Colonel Albert Paulding and served the said 8 months as a private in the militia on the frontiers of the westerly side of the Shawangunk Mountain and was discharged in January 1781 at [Napinock] Napanock in said county of Ulster making in the whole 17 months service as a private in the militia for which service he claims a pension.

That in the Interrogatories prescribed by the war Department he answers to the FIRST

That

He was born in Scotland In the Highlands don't remember the place in the year 1762 on the 12th day of January.

SECOND

That he has no record of his age except in the family Bible which when I last saw it was in the possession of his oldest Brother.

THIRD

That he was residing in the Town of Montgomery in Orange County and State of New York. At the time he volunteered in the service and resided there until about the year 1790 when he removed to the Town of Hardestown in the County of Suffolk and resided there until about the year 1813 when he removed to where he now lives in the Town of Jefferson in the County of Morris in the State of New Jersey.

FOURTH

That he was at each time a Volunteer.

FIFTH

That he never was stationed in the vicinity of any Regular troops nor was there any militia regiments stationed where he served except the regiment of Col. Paulding which was divided in a number of parties and served and stationed as a guard against the Indians—that he was marched during said services to a variety of different places vis—Wawarsing, [?], Naponock, [?] Deerpark, Mmamakating, [?] at Fort Lackaweck, Minisink, Carting Kill, Book's Land &c. That I have been in several skirmishes with the Indians that they were very troublesome on the frontier inhabitants & was marched to [?] Kill from which I have now entirely [?]

SIXTH

That he did never receive a written discharge from the service but was dismissed.

SEVENTH

That I am acquainted with (Peter P. Brown and Samuel Tharp who can testify to my good character and credibility and a belief of my services. That they are residents of the same neighborhood in which I reside. That it is not convenient to procure a minister of the Gospell at Court.

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.

[Can't make out a line.]

(Signed with his mark) Finle Ross

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid in open court. Silas Lindsly Judge.