

**Pension Application for Harman Tailor or Taylor**

R.10416

State of New York

County of Columbia

On this second day of August [1833] personally appeared before me—one of the Judges of the court of Common Pleas in and for said County, Herman Tailor a resident of the Town of Ghent and an inmate of the Columbia County Poor-House aged Eighty 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 Act of Congress passed June 7<sup>th</sup> 1832.

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

In the Spring of the year 1776 this applicant volunteered his services for nine months as orderly Serjeant under the command of Captain James Robinson Lieutenant Case Decker, Nicholas Brazee 2d Lieutenant and John McCleveland and was kept on duty in the south part of the County of Columbia to protect the country against the aggressions of the tories who were very troublesome after having taken many of them prisoners and rendered the country quiet was discharged at the expiration of his nine months service. During this period of service this applicant was on duty and in actual military service the whole time of his volunteering.

In the year 1777 this applicant was drafted to go to Saratoga in the month of June as this applicant thinks, under the command of Captain Shafer and Lieutenant Peter Bogart, marched from Taghkanic the place of his residence up the North River to Albany—thence to Stillwater (Saratoga) was kept on duty there five weeks and on the alarm subsiding was discharged and returned home—was a private in this service.

General Schuyler was the commander at this time and Samuel Tenbroeck was his his [sic] major.

In the year 1780 thinks the month of May this applicant was drafted to go to Schoharie [Schoharie] County west of Albany State aforesaid marched from Taghkanic to Albany, thence westward to Schoharie and was stationed In the middle fort. In this service was a private and was on duty six weeks at this time and was marched home again. Colonel Vroman, Captain Joseph Elliot and Lieutenant Adam Tenbroeck were the commanding officers in this expedition.

At intervals mostly through the first three or four years of the revolution this applicant was called out on duty at various times on sudden alarms in actual service under the command of the above officers as a private and was kept on duty in all not less than three months.

This applicant has no Documentary Evidence and knows of no persons whose testimony he can procure except those annexed. 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.

Answers to the Interrogatories

1<sup>st</sup> was born in the County of Columbia In the year 1753.

2d When called into Service lived in the county of Columbia aforesaid and has lived there every since.

3d When called into service lived in the County of Columbia aforesaid and has lived there ever since.

4<sup>th</sup> Was drafted to go to Schoharie in the year above mentioned—was drafted to go to Saratoga and Stillwater—Volunteered to do duty in the County of Columbia aforesaid.

5<sup>th</sup> Knows the names of no officers except those above stated to wit. Colonell [Colonel] Vroman, Captain Elliot, Captain Shafer, Captain Robison, General Schuyler &c as above-and knows of no names of regiments except the Livingston Manor Regiment.

6<sup>th</sup> Never took a discharge except from Captain Vroman but has lost that.

7<sup>th</sup> The names of persons to whom I am known in my present neighborhood and who can testify as to my character for veracity and their belief of my services as a soldier of the revolution are William Merryfield and John Turner.

The reason why this applicant has not produced the certificate of a clergyman is that he is not known to any one who can make the legal certificate.

I hereby constitute M. VanDeusen my agent in this matter [?] papers &c  
(Signed with his mark) Harman Tailor

Witness Martin VanDeusen

Subscribed and Sworn before me this second day of 'August 1833. Medad Butler, a Judge &c