

### **Pension Application for Joel Tallmadge or Talmadge**

W.16754 (Widow: Rhobe) Rhobe Potter was married to Joel October 21, 1779. Joel died January 24, 1834.

Declaration. In order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June 7, AD 1832.

State of New York

County of Tioga

On this fifth day of September AD 1832 personally appeared in open court before the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas for said County now sitting, Joel Tallmadge a resident of the town of Candor In the County of Tioga & State of New York aged seventy five 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, 1832.

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

That on or about the 1<sup>st</sup> day of April 1776, he was being an apprentice of Nobletown now Columbia County N.Y. and at said time and place he enlisted a private in the New York State troops for nine months in Capt. VanNess's company—whose first name he thinks was David; Then on or about the 1<sup>st</sup> day of June of the same year his friends informed him that they had procured a substitute for him—and he was discharged. That he did not join the company, that the company did not [march?] to his knowledge; while he was bound to military service; and that he knew no other officer than the Captain having served two months.

2<sup>nd</sup> Tour. That on or about the 20<sup>th</sup> day of May AD 1777 in the town of Claverack in now Columbia County N.Y.—He was drafted or he volunteered (forgets which) in the New York Militia, in Col. Whitings Regiment (who is the only officer either of the company or regt that he can now recollect) for three ;months. That he immediately rendezvoused at Green Bucks that they marched from thence to Fort Edward, lay there about 2 weeks while there he remembers that gen. Ten Broeck was pointed out to him & he thinks Gen. Sullivan or Schuyler was also, does not remember any other Continental officer; that he retreated with the Regt slowly down the Hudson River before the enemy to near Saratoga where he was taken sick and discharged on or near the 15<sup>th</sup> day of August-having served this tour two months and three weeks.

3d Tour. That on or near the 25<sup>th</sup> day of September 1777, in the said town of Claverack he joined Capt. Horton's Company of New York militia as a substitute, the Lieut's name he has forgotten, Insign [Ensign] Jacob Bert, Henry VanRensalaer was either a Major or Col. Of the Regt and Doct' Monnell the surgeon;-marched immediately to Stillwater and was present in the action of that place on the 7<sup>th</sup> of October; that he pursued the enemy from thence to Saratoga and encamped on the south side of Fish Creek the enemy on north side; where he remained till the capitulation of Burgoyne's army. From thence he marched to Albany; from thence

down the Hudson to New Windsor, at which place he was discharged on or about the 13<sup>th</sup> day of November, having served this tour seven weeks.

4<sup>th</sup> Tour. That on or about the 20<sup>th</sup> day of September AD 1780 in the said town of Claverack he volunteered on the occasion of an alarm by Brandt & Butler on the Mohawk River under the command of Gen Robt Van Renselaer; the company and Field officers names he cannot now recollect, that he made the expedition on horse back; went to Albany; from thence up the Mohawk River about 60 miles; from thence left the River and went in pursuit of the Indians in the direction of Otsego Lake something more than twenty miles; made some prisoners which were taken to Albany—he returned to Fort Plain & staid there till he was discharged on or about the 27<sup>th</sup> of Oct, having served this tour five weeks.

That he never had any written discharge and that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure, who can testify to his service.

That he has always been informed and verily believes that he was born on the 25<sup>th</sup> day of Nov AD 1756 in the Great Nine Partners in Dutchess County N.Y. That he has in his possession a small book covered with the parchment containing a record of his age and of his brothers and sisters which he knows to be in the hand writing of his father.

That since the Revolutionary War he has resided first in the County of Columbia N.Y. then in the town & country of Ransalaer [Rensselaer] N.Y.; then in the said county of Tioga N.Y. where he now resides. And that he verily believes that this declaration is the best evidence of which his care admits.

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.

He hereby relinquishes very 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. (Signed) Joel Tallmadge.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year first above written. Green M. Tuthill.  
Clk.

Letter in folder dated November 6, 1929, written in response to an inquiry.

I advise you that the Revolutionary War records of this Bureau fail to afford any information in regard to James Tallmadge, or similar spelling, or to a John Tallmadge who served from New York, or who was pensioned from that State or who could have been the brother of Elisha Tallmadge born November 20, 1756 in East Hampton, Suffolk County, New York.

You are furnished the history of the only soldier named Joel Tallmadge that is found on the Revolutionary War records of this Bureau.

From the papers in the Revolutionary War pension claim W.16754, it appears that Joel Tallmadge was born November 25, 1756 in "The Great Nine Partners", Dutchess County, New York.

While living as an apprentice in Nobletown later Columbia County, New York, he enlisted about April 1, 1776 and served two months as a private in Captain David VanNess' New York Company.

He enlisted at Claverack later Columbia County, New York, and served with the New York troops as follows: from about May 20 or 25, 1777 as a private in Colonel Whiting's Regiment, and was discharged about August 15, 1777; from about September 25, 1777 in Captain Horton's Company, Colonel Henry VanRensselaer's Regiment, was in the second battle of Stillwater, and was discharged November 13, 1777; from about September 20, 1780 in an expedition commanded by General Robert VanRensselaer against the Indians in the Mohawk Valley who were under Brandt and Butler, and was discharged about October 27, 1780.

After the Revolution he resided in Columbia County; in Saratoga, Saratoga County; Schaghticoke, Rensselaer County, and in Tioga County, all in New York State.

He was allowed Pension on his application executed September 5, 1832, while a resident of Candor, Tioga County, New York.

He died January 24 or January 26, 1834, at the home of John Elwell, in Candor, New York. It is not stated that John Elwell was related to the family.

Joel Tallmadge married October 21, 1779, at the home of his father (name not given) in Nobletown, New York, Rhobe Potter of that place. She was allowed pension on her application executed June 18, 1838, at which time she was aged seventy-six years and ten months and resided in Candor, New York.

Their son, M. P. Tallmadge, was United States Senator from New York in 1833 and 1840; and another son, Joel Tallmadge was aged forty-nine years in 1838.