

Pension Application for Abner Taylor

S.23451

State of New York

County of Yates SS

On this 11th day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty three personally appeared in open court before the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas now sitting Abner Taylor of Benton in the County of Yates and State aforesaid aged seventy nine 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 7th 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States and served as herein stated.

Six months in Captain Abraham Onderdonk's Company & Colonel Hay's Regiment of Militia and was stationed at a place called the Red Hills, near Peekskill in the Bounty of WestChester in the State of New York.

That it was in the Spring of the year when he enlisted, and in the year 1776 or 1777—That the company to which he belonged were engaged during said term in fortifying and keeping guard. That the British shipping lay in the North River below where they were stationed, and were daily expected to come up the river. That while they were at work at the fortifications General George Clinton came there several times to superintend and inspect the works.

That he served in this campaign six months and was regularly discharged, by Capt Onderdonk but that the discharge which he received is lost and gone.

And the said Abner Taylor further declares that after he performed the six months service in Captain Onderdonk's Company aforesaid in the State of New York he removed into the County of Bergen in the State of New Jersey, and that the militia were called out to go against the enemy, and that he went among the nest, a little previous to the battle of Monmouth, under the Captain Terwilleger. That he served in this tour one month and was in the battle of Monmouth he removed back to the Town of Hempstead in the County of Orange (now Ramapo & County of Rockland) and State of New York, and that the next spring thereafter he enlisted for one year in captain John Cooley's Company of militia, and was stationed at Kings Ferry on the North River in the County aforesaid and that he served the full time of his enlistment, and was discharged by Captain Cooley.

That while he lay at Kings Ferry the British came up the North River and took Stoney Point and that Captain Cooley & his company retreated up the River to West Point, and that after Stoney Point was retaken by the Americans under General Wayne, they returned to their old station at Kings Ferry, where they remained until the expiration of the year and were discharged.

And the said Abner Taylor further declares that he lived during the war, in the County of orange aforesaid in the State of New York, except the year that he was in New Jersey and near the North River. That the inhabitants along the North River were continually alarmed by the British shipping comeing [coming] up the River and by the

depredations of the Tories and that the Militia were constantly called out to keep guard and keep them in check and often on very short tours of duty.

That he the said Abner was frequently called out on this kind of duty, from three days to as many weeks, the precise length of time In all he cannot now recollect but it was a great many different times and from the best of his recollection, it could not have been less than five months, and he thinks it was more.

And the said Abner Taylor further declares that by reason of old age and the consequent loss of memory he cannot now recollect the names of any other officers under whom he served or the particular dates of his entering the service, and of his leaving the same, and may be mistaken as to the year in which the service was performed but that he performed all the service herein set forth and more, he is quite certain.

And the said Abner Taylor further declares that he was born at Pine's Bridge in the County of West Chester & State of New York in the year 1753.

That there is a record of his age, in his Bible, which he bequeathed to his son who resides in the City of New York and that he saw it at his sons house a few months since.

That he lived at Clarkstown in Orange County when first called into the service, where he resided during most of the war—

That he was about one year in New Jersey as before stated. That after the war he continued to reside in Orange County till the year 1816 when he removed to Camillus in the County of Onondaga in the western part of the State of New York where he resided seven years & from thence he removed to Junius In the county of Seneca where he resided two years & from thence he removed to Phelps in Ontario County where he resided three years—From From [sic] he removed to Seneca in the same County where he staid three years and from th;enct to Benton in the County of Yates where he now resides—

That he is known to Matthew Coe, Edward P. Ackerson and Martin Gage Post Master at Benton aforesaid, who can testify as to his character for truth and veracity, and of their belief of his services as a soldier of the Revolution.

And the said Abner Taylor further declares that there is no Clergyman In the neighborhood where he resides, who is or has been sufficiently acquainted with him, to testify to his belief of his age, or to the general belief in his neighborhood, relative to his Revolutionary services.

That during the whole time he served as a private soldier. And the said Abner Taylor further declares 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 and that he has no documentary evidence whereby to establish his claim, and that he knows of no other persons whose testimony he can procure except those whose affidavits are hereunto affixed. (Signed with mark) Abner Taylor

Sworn & Subscribed before me this 11th day of January 1833. George Shearman Clerk