

Pension Application for Jacob T. TenEyck

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State of New York

County of Montgomery SS

On this Nineteenth day of September in the year of our Lord on thousand eight hundred and thirty two, personally appeared in open court before the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in and for said County now sitting, Jacob T. TenEyck, a resident of the town of Root in said County aged seventy –two years and upwards, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain he benefit of the Act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

He was born on the 14th day of February 1760 in the township of Schenectady, and the record of his age is in the Register of Baptisms, kept by the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church in said township (now City) of Schenectady. He lived in Schenectady aforesaid when called into service, and resided there after the war until about 25 years ago when he removed to said County of Montgomery, and now resides in the town of Root aforesaid.

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

In the year 1776, when he arrived at the age of sixteen he was enrolled as a private int he company of militia in the beat; to wit, the company of Jesse VanSlyck in the Regiment of Colonel Abraham Wemple. His other company and field officers whom he recollect were Francis Veeder and Walter Vrooman Lieutenants Abraham Swits and Myndert Wemple Majors. For the first year after his enrollment at the instance and by the persuasion of his father, he hired a substitute. But with the exception of this year, leh served regularly every year of the war.

From the year 1780, he was the paymaster of said Regiment of Colonel Wemple, and served as such until the termination of said war. Notwithstanding his performing the duties of paymaster as aforesaid he stood his drafts with the other members of said Regiment, and discharged his other military duties.

Our frontiers being every year annoyed and harassed by the Tories, British, and IndiAns the services foa the militia were in constant requisition. The most prominent expeditions in which he engaged as near as he can recollect them, were as follows.

In the year 1778, when the Indians and their Tory associates, destroyed the settlements of German flatts, he was with a part of his Regiment at Colonel Clock's near the German Flatts, land on their way thither in which he was engaged about two weeks.

In 1779 he went from Schoharie to Cobleskill to aid in burying the dead that had been butchered there by the enemy in this service Schoharie & Cobleskill he was engaged about six weeks.

He has performed garrison duty at Fort Paris about four weeks (Stone Arabia) at the Schoharie forts about 1 month and at Fort Hunter about three weeks. He was at Schoharie in the fall of the year 1780 about six weeks when the forces under command of Sir John Johnson made a descent on the Schoharie settlements—was at

Caughnawaga and Johnstown about one month with the troops that went in pursuit of Sir John Johnson and Major Ross after they had laid waste the Mohawk Country – he was at Fort Plank nearly a month at one time, when Fort Plain was destroyed by the enemy.

In the year 1781, he was at Sacondaga employed under command of Governor Clinton in erecting fortifications at that post about three weeks. He was often out on short excursions besides those above stated, but cannot possibly recollect all; the occasions, nor how long each time, yet he conscientiously believes that the whole period of his actual services from the beginning to the end of the war, exceeds three years.

The following are the names of some of the regular officers whom he knew, or who were with the troops where he served and such regiments as he recollects: to wit—his brothers Captain Ten Eyck & John DePeyster Ten Eyck Paymaster in Colonel Livingston's regiment, Major Fink, Major Frey, Colonel Goosen VanSchaick, Captain Wendell, Lieutenant Youngs, Captain Brown, Colonel Marinus Willett & his Regiment of State Troops, & Colonel Gaansevoort's Regiment & Lieutenant Colonel Abraham Cuyler & Genl TenBroeck. He never to his knowledge received any written discharge from the service; and is not aware that such discharges were given to any of the members of his company or Regiment.

The following are the names of persons to whom he is known in his present neighborhood, and who can testify as to his character for veracity, and their belief of his services as a soldier of the revolution to wit; Adam H. VanSlyck & families, VanAlstine the 4th.

He has no documentary evidence; but can produce the testimony of John Sanders & Lieutenant James H. Peek who can testify to his services (which testimony is hereunto 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. (Signed) Jacob T. TenEyck

Subscribed & sworn to the day & year aforesaid. Geo .D. Ferguson, Clerk.