

Pension Application for Lucus Terwilleger or Lucas Terwilliger

R.10471 Lucus died June 28, 1850.

At a Court of Common Pleas holden at the Court House in the Village of Elmira in and for the County of Tioga and State of New York on the first Tuesday in September 1834. Present his honor John R. Drake First Judge; Joseph L. Darling, Elijah Shoemaker Esqrs Judges.

State of New York

Tioga County SS.

On this 5th day of September 1834 personally appeared in open Court before the Judges aforesaid being a court of record because made so by the constitution and laws of the State, having by law a Clerk and Seal, now sitting, Lucus Terwilleger a resident of Elmira in the County of Tioga and State of New York aged seventy four years and upwards who being duly sworn according to law doth on his oath, make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by 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.

He declares and deposes that on the last of May or first of June in the year 1776 he lived in the Town of New Paltz in the County of Ulster and State of New York and was enrolled in the Company of Captain John Holdenback and belonged to the Regiment of Militia of that County commanded by Col. Joseph Hasbrouck.

At this period (June 76) a detachment of Volunteers from this Regiment was called for by Col. Hasbrouck and ordered out on an occasion against the Tories then lurking about in the County of Ulster and this deponent volunteered and went on the expedition through as well the mountainous as other parts of the county and succeeded in making 14 prisoners at one place; 8 at another and 5 at another all of whom were safely lodged in Jail at Kingston and we were march'd home and dismissed having been one month at least in the expedition.

And he further declares that in the course of the same summer and fall of the next year ('77) and he thinks by the first of April the Regiment aforesaid to which this deponent belonged received orders (as was understood) from Gen. James Clinton to furnish a certain number of three months men destined for Fort Montgomery on the Hudson River; this deponent volunteered for that service under his officers before named was marched to the said Fort and served out the said term of three months in garrison duty when we were relieved by other militia and were dismissed and returned home the forepart of July.

In the course of a few weeks from this period Col. Hasbrouck made a call upon the Regiment for a detached party to rendezvous at Esopus this deponent was of the party and was stationed one month at least at that place waiting the operations of the enemy above and below; we were then relieved by other troops and returned home about the middle of September.

And he further declares that in a short time and he thinks by the first of the next month (October '77) Col. Hasbrouck made a call for three months volunteers

destined for the Jersey side of the Hudson; this deponent volunteered and some were drafted to make up the number required, we were marched to Kakiat and were stationed at that place and at Paramus and at Hackinsac on garrison duty for three months when this deponent was dismissed and he returned home.

And he further declares and deposes that on the first of March of the next year ('78) a detachment of our regiment was ordered out by Col. Hasbrouck for three months to be stationed at a Post called Lurinkill on the west side of the Shangum [Shawangunk] mountain; this deponent volunteered on that service and was stationed at that Post till the term expired on garrison duty except taking his regular tour as I scout and sentry and returned home in June.

And he declares further that in August of the same year last aforesaid and as nigh as he can remember about the 15th of that month a call was made by Col Hasbrouck for volunteers for three months.

This deponent volunteered with others and a detachment being thus raised we were march'd to the Hudson River and stationed at a place call'd Haverstraw until the expiration of the term of three months and reach'd home about the first of December.

And he further declares that in the following spring (1779) on or about the first of May he volunteered with a detach'd party for two months under the same officers aforesaid and was marched on to the west side of the Shangum Mountain and stationed at Lurinkill for a short time was then detached on an expedition along the frontier south and returned to Lurinkill where he served out the remainder of the term of two months was dismissed and returned home to the forepart of July. A call was soon made upon our Regiment for a quota of three months men for the North River service. This deponent was a volunteer in this campaign and march'd about the first of August under the command of his officers before named crossed the River to Fishkill where we joined the main force and were stationed there during the said term, were dismissed and returned home about the middle of November.

Between this period and the spring of the next year 1780 he was out on one or two Indian alarms but does not recollect distinctly the circumstances so as to give them in detail.

And he further declares that on or about the first of April in the following year 1780 in pursuance of orders as was understood from Genl. Clinton this deponent turned out as a volunteer under his officers before named on an expedition up the Hudson River and was march'd to Albany thence to Old Schoherry to here he was stationed on garrison duty for two months at least when the forts at that place were supplied by other troops and this deponent was dismissed and returned home.

And he further declares that in all his services as detailed and set forth in the foregoing declaration he served in the grade of a private—and further that he has no documentary evidence of his services and that after diligent enquiry for nearly two years he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to them.

And In answer to the several interrogatories put to him by the Court he says that he was born at the Town of New Paltz County of Ulster in the State of New York on the tenth day of May In the year of our Lord one thousand and sixty.

That he has a record of his age in his family Bible which he sent down from his Father's record of that fact and which; he believes to be correct.

That he lived in the place of his nativity when he first entered the service—Since the Revolutionary War he lived in Shangum, Ulster County aforesaid—then in Pleasant Valley in the county of Orange and State aforesaid at which latter place he lived till he came to his present residence in Elmira where he has lived twelve years.

That in all his service he was one of the volunteer militia of the State of New York.

That besides his own officers he was acquainted with and knew Gen. James Clinton, Gen. George Clinton and Col Livingston of Dutchess County. That he never received any written or printed discharge to the best of his knowledge or recollection.

That he would like refer to Ezekiel Rhoades, John Kline, Matthew Carpenter, John Hendy and Elijah Jones all of Elmira aforesaid as gentlemen well acquainted with his reputation for truth and veracity and who can testify to their belief in the truth of the foregoing declaration.

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. (Signed) Lucy Terwilliger

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid. Green J. Tuthill, Clk