

Pension Application for James Terwilliger

S.42466

State of New York

Ulster County SS\ On this twentieth day of April 1818 before me the subscriber one of the Judges of the court of Common Pleas in and for the County of Ulster in the State of New York personally appears James Terwilliger aged sixty three years resident in the town of Shawangunk in said County of Ulster who being by me first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the late act of Congress entitled an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war that he the said James Terwilliger enlisted at Fort Montgomery in the State of New York in the company commanded by a Canadian by the name of Hamtrammick (as the said James Terwilliger believes) in the Second New York Regiment commanded Col. VanCourtlandt int he beginning of the year seventeen hundred & seventy seven, that he continued to serve in the said Corps until the third day of June seventeen hundred of eighty three when he was discharged from service at Newburgh for in the State of New York at which time he received the original discharge from General Washington to this deposition annexed.

That he was in the battles of Fort Montgomery (where he was taken prisoner and remained such prisoner for about thirteen months) the White Plains Yorktown and with the detachment commanded by General Sullivan sent against the Indians and that he is in reduced circumstances and stands in need of the assistance of his country for support (Signed) James Terwilliger

Sworn & declared before me the day and year aforesaid. James Kain

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

I advise you from the papers in the Revolutionary War pension claim, S.42486, it appears that James Terwilliger enlisted at Fort Montgomery, New York, in the beginning of 1776, served as a private in Captain Hamtramck's Company, Colonel VanCortlandt's New York Regiment, was in the battles of White Plains, Fort Montgomery, where he was taken prisoner and held about thirteen months; in General Sullivan's expedition against the Indians, the battle of Yorktown, at the taking of Cornwallis and was discharged, June 8, 1783.

He was allowed pension on his application executed April 20, 1818, while a resident of Shawangunk, Ulster County, New York, aged sixty-three years.

In 1820 he was residing in Ulster County, New York, with his daughter, her name is onto given and the name of soldier's wife is not stated.

He died, September 2, 1821, and the arrearage of pension due him was paid in May 1822, to his son-in-law, Andrew Kain (name of his wife is not stated), who resided in Shawangunk, New York.

There are no further data concerning soldier's family.