

### **Pension Application for Gilbert Thew**

W.15806 (Widow: Sarah) Sarah Utt and Gilbert Thew married March 21, 1787. Gilbert died March 29, 1836.

Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7, 1832.

State of New York

County of Clinton SS.

On this 22d day of January 1833, personally appeared before John Warfield one of the Judges of the Common Pleas of the County of Clinton, Gilbert Thew a resident of Peru In said County aged seventy six 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. I was born in Clarkstown, New York July 9, 1756 my Brother Garret Thew has a record of my age made more than forty years ago, which record I have recently referred to.

I resided in Clarkston, N.Y. and volunteered at that place Aug 1, 1776 into Capt. Waldrum's Company (don't' recollect the names of the other officers) New York militia for five months, I went across Kings Ferry and was stationed a while at Peekskill ( I believe about three months). Then returned & across the River and was engaged on fatigue duty the remainder of the time for which I enlisted I was at Haverstraw N.Y. when Fort Montgomery [Montgomery] was taken.

The time expired for which I enlisted and I was Discharged in the town of Hemstead [Hempstead] N.Y. the forepart of January 1777. I then returned to Clarkston N.Y. and was there enrolled in the militia of New York in Capt. Orra Smith's Company Col. Henhawk Hays Regt NY Militia, and served in that company about three years during one third of said time one year I was engaged in actual service of the United States under said officers. I remained in that Company until the close of the war in 1783.

After the Revolution I lived in Orange County till 1786 when I moved to Plattsburg N.Y. where I resided two years and a half and then moved to Peru N.Y. where I have ever since resided and where I now reside.

I have no documentary evidence and know of no person whose testimony I can procure who can testify to my service except Garret Thew whose deposition taken before Judge Warford Nov'r 27, 1832 and is hereto annexed.

The names of persons to whom I am known in my present neighborhood and who can testify as to my character for veracity and their belief of my services as a soldier of the Revolution are. Paul Southwick Daniel Harness, David Harkness, Edward Hallock, Pliny Hoag, Isaac Hollack & others.

I hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that my name is onto on the pension roll of the agency of any state. (Signed) Gilbert Thew.

Sworn and subscribed to before me the day and year aforesaid and I certify that deponent is a credible person and that he cannot by reason of bodily infirmity attend

the Court for the reason that he is severely afflicted with Rheumatism and the piles and has great difficulty In moving about. The first part of the above declaration before the said Gilbert Thew signed and swore to the same Jany 22, 1833. John Warford Judge of Clinton Common Pleas Counsellor &c.