

Pension Application for Joseph Tickner

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State of New York

County of Cayuga SS.

On this twenty fourth day of September 1832, personally appeared in open court before the Court of Common Pleas now sitting Joseph Tickner a resident of the Town of Venice 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 provision made by the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

That he resided in the Town of Nobletown, now Hillsdale, County of Columbia in State of New York during the revolutionary war that some time about the last of May or the first of June 1776 he enlisted in the New York State troops for six months, under Capt James Spencer, Thomas Brown Lieuts; Mathew Ray 2d Lieut, that he served in the regiment commanded by Col VanDyke, General Schuyler commanded the army; that he went to Lake George and thence to fort Ann; that they remained there until about six weeks before the expiration of the term of enlistment when they marched back to the lake again, remained there until his time was out, was then dismissed.

That some time in the summer of 1777 (he believes in August) the militia company which he belonged to were called out, that they went to Fort Edward remained there about two weeks when we with one half of the company were allowed to go home to harvest their wheat, when he had finished his wheat harvest he returned to his company which was then at Saratoga on the East side of the river, Capt Graves was his Capt, Col Ford commandant.

That he knew Generals Gates, & Arnold when the Americans were engaged with Burgoyne's forces his regiment was ordered to cross the river as a reinforcement, when it had arrived on the battle ground, and were marching up to the enemy the flag was raised in to [?] of a cessation of fighting; that after Burgoyne surrendered he was dismissed having been there in the whole about five weeks. That he was called out again in the fall of 1778 (thinks it in Oct) that the company were ordered to Greenbush, then to Albany, marched five miles up the river. They were ordered back to Albany again, the next day went in pursuit of tories to the Hellibarrack then to Kaatskill Mountains where they found a party of tories and took them after scouring the county and taking more than thirty tories, they returned to Albany (thinks the whole brigade were called out) that the militia separated into small parties to search for tories; that he was out about one month, and then was marched home; that the same officers commanded as in the last campaign.

That he was called out again about the first of June 1779 under Capt. Holley or Hawley, Lieut Heath, Col. Ford; that he went to Cherry Valley to guard the fort; that while he was there the Indians and tories came to Springfield, that he went with the forces stationed in the fort to drive them off, when he got there the Indians had taken the men prisoners, and drove off the cattle of the inhabitants that the company pursued on the trail, the Oneidas acting in concert with his party, ambushed the

hostile Indians and fired upon them and killed 17 of them the rest made their escape with their prisoners, that his party then returned with the cattle that he been drove off, and serving been out about six weeks, he as dismissed.

That he was called out again in the fall of the same year (he cannot state the time) that he went to Albany where they got ammunition and provision then went up the Mohawk river to oppose the Indians and tories that they had an engagement with the Indians having nearly surrendered them, that they fired a few rounds only when the Indians broke through the Americans and escaped the engagement was near the house of Esq. Funday, that he was out about two weeks, and then the company returned home.

That he was called out on alarms a number of times not above described but returned so soon that he does not think it advisable to state particularly, the different times, that his company were in constant readiness to turn out that he was subject to the orders of the commanding officers that he did in obedience to their orders burn[ed] out on cases of emerging sometimes being dismissed in two days and sometimes bring detained a number of days.

That he has served, reckoning only the tories above described ten months and about one week.

That he has no documentary evidence and that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure to prove that he rendered such service.

He herby 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) Joseph Tickner

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid. Michael Myers. Clerk of the court of Common Pleas County of Cayuga.