

**Pension Application for Silvanus Tompkins**

S.28914

Declaration. In order to obtain the benefit of the act of congress passed June 7<sup>th</sup> 1832.

State of New York

County of West Chester. SS

On this twenty third day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty three personally appeared in open court before the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in and for the County of West Chester aforesaid now sitting (being a court of record) Sylvenus Tompkins a resident of the town of Cortlandt in the said County and State aged seventy one 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<sup>th</sup> 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated that is to say he entered the said service as a private in the Company of Militia of the State of New York commanded by Captain Ebenezer Boid in the regiment commanded by Colonel Samuel drake on or about the first of April in the year one thousand seven hundred and seventy nine.

That at the time he entered the service as aforesaid he resided in the manor of Cortlandt now town of Cortlandt in the County of WestChester aforesaid, that he continued in actual service in the said company and Regiment from the time of his entering the same on the said first day of April or thereabouts in 1779 for and during and until the expiration of six months when he was honorably discharged at Cortlandt aforesaid; that he served during the said term of six months in the County of West Chester aforesaid and was stationed in the manor of Cortlandt aforesaid on what was then called the American lines, being on the border of [?] part of the said County which was then in possession of the enemy. That the said term of six months service is proved by the affidavit of John Jones Esquire one of the Justices of the peace in and for the county of Tioga in the State of New York who was also a soldier of the Revolution and in the service at the same time with this deponent and in the same company and Regiment.

And the declarant further saith that he again entered the said service as a private in the same company and regiment aforesaid on or about the last of May in the year one thousand eight hundred and eighty and continued in the actual service of the United States of and during and until the expiration of six months when he was honorably discharged from said service at Cortlandt manor In the said County of WestChester that he served on the American lines in the said County during the continuance thereof and was stationed at different places in said County.

That he was frequently marched on expeditions against the enemy into the southern part of said County during both of the said last mentioned terms and engaged in driving back from the northern part of said County hostile parties of the enemy & that the said last mentioned term of service is proven by the affidavit of the said John Jones who was during the same time a fellow soldier of the declarant.

And the Declarant further saith that he again entered the service of the United States some time in the month of April in the year one thousand seven hundred and eighty one in the company of militia of the said County of WestChester commanded by said Captain Boid in the Regiment commanded by the said Colonel Samuel Drake.

That he continued in actual service in the said company and regiment for and during and until the expiration of six months from the time of his entering the same in the months of April 1781 as last aforesaid when he was honorably discharged from said service at the town of Cortlandt aforesaid.

That he served as a private during the said last mentioned term of six months and was stationed on the lines in the said County of WestChester. That the last mentioned term of service is proved by the affidavit of John Jones Esquire hereto annexed.

And the Deponent further saith that he again entered the service of the United States on or about the last of April in the year 1782 as a private in the company of militia of said County of WestChester commanded by the said Captain Ebenezer Boid in the Regiment commanded by the said Colonel Samuel Drake; that he continued in actual service in the said company and Regiment for the term of six months from the last of April 1782 as aforesaid when he was honorably discharged at the manor of Cortlandt in the said County of WestChester. That he served on the lines in the said County during the last mentioned term which is also proved by the affidavit of the said Jones hereto annexed.

And the Declarant further saith that he was in the actuals service of the United States three months in the Summer of the year 1778 in the company of militia of the County of WestChester commanded by Captain Gilbert Lockwood in the Regiment commanded by the said Samuel Drake. But that he has no documentary evidence thereof nor does he know of any person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to the last mentioned term of service.

1<sup>st</sup> And the declarant states that he was born in the County of Dutchess in the State of New York in 1762.

2<sup>nd</sup> That he has no record of his age.

3<sup>rd</sup> That at the time he entered the service as aforesaid he resided in the County WestChester town of Cortlandt & then Cortlandt Manor in the said State of New York and since the revolution has lived in the said town of Cortland and County and State last aforesaid and now resides there.

4<sup>th</sup> That he entered the service as herein before stated as a volunteer.

5<sup>th</sup> That the only officers with whom he served whose names he now recollects are Col. Drake and Captain Ebenezer Boid and Captain Gilbert Lockwood, that he never served with any Continental troops.

6<sup>th</sup> Did not receive any written discharge from the service, but he did receive a parol [parole] discharge from the Captains of his company as aforesaid.

7<sup>th</sup> That Robert MacCord Esquire one of the Justices of the Peace in and for said County of WestChester and Nathaniel Ander of said County who reside in my

neighborhood can testify as to my character for veracity and their belief of my service as a soldier of the Revolution.

That he has no documentary evidence of his service, and that he knows of no other person whose testimony he can procure who can certify to his service other than John Jones whose affidavit is hereto annexed.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatsoever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is onto on the pension roll of the agency of any state or Territory [Territory].

Sworn to and subscribed this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of September 1833. (Signed) Silvanus Tompkins

Sworn to and subscribed this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of September 1822. N. Bayles, Clk of said court.

Letter in folder dated January 23, 1937, written in response to an inquiry. January 23, 1937.

Reference is made to your letter in which you request the Revolutionary War records of Joshua and Sylvanus Tompkins, who served from Westchester County, New York.

There is no claim for pension or bounty land o file based upon service in the Revolutionary War of a Joshua Tompkins, under any spelling of that surname. The record of Silvanus Tompkins, or Tomkins, is furnished herein as found in his claim for pension, S.28914, based upon his service in the Revolutionary War.

Silvanus Tompkins or Tomkins, was born in the year 1762, in Dutchess County, New York; the day of his birth and the names of his parents were not given.

While a resident of Cortland Manor, Westchester County, New York, he enlisted and served as private in Colonel Samuel drake's New York regiment, as different times, shown as follow: in the summer of 1778, three months in captain Gilbert Lockwood's company; from April 1, 1779, six months in Captain Ebenezer Boyd's Company; from the last of May 1780, six months in Captain Ebenezer Boyd's company; from April 1781, six months in Captain Ebenezer Boyed's company , and from April 1782, six months in the same company. During this service, he was engaged against the enemy who occupied the adjoining country much of the time.

He was allowed pension on his application executed September 23, 1833, at which time he resided in Cortland, WestChester County, New York. He had lived there ever since the Revolutionary War.

The soldier died April 4, 1835, survived by his widow, and sons one of whom was Henry. The name of the soldier's wife was not shown, nor the date and place of their marriage. There are no further data regarding his family.