

Pension Application for John A. Turck

S.14732

Dutchess County SS

On this twenty first day of July in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty two personally appeared before me Stephen Thorn, one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in and for the said said [sic] County of Dutchess and State aforesaid John A. Turck aged sixty-nine years the sixteenth day of March last past, 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 7th 1832.

That he was borne as he understands and from a record found in his fathers bible on the sixteenth day of March in the year 1763 in the Town of Esopus which bible is not in the applicants possession (now Kingston) in the County of Ulster in the state of New York, and that he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated, that is to say—

1st That in the month of October in the year 1777 soon after the taking of Fort Montgomery by the British Troops he entered the service of the United States in the New York Militia as a volunteer in the company commanded by Capt. Evert Bogardus of Esopus which company belonged to Col. John Snyders Regiment and he was employed in building and erecting works of Defense to Defend the Town of Esopus in Ulster County and he served in said company untill the Town of Esopus was taken and burnt by the British troops, which term of service was eight or nine days, and after the taking and burning of the Town of Esopus he was disbanded at Esopus.

2d In the year 1778 (about the middle of the summer of that year he believes he again entered the service of the United States in the New York Militia as a substitute but for whom does not recollect in the company commanded by Capt Evert Bogardus of Esopus, Ulster County as a guard over some prisoners which guard was under the immediate command of Sergeant John Elting and was stationed at Esopus landing in said County, until the prisoners were removed to Poughkeepsie in Dutchess County, on board of a sloop and he with Abraham Mastin, William Swart, and others of the guard, went to Poughkeepsie to guard and take care of said prisoners and after delivering said prisoners at Poughkeepsie he returned to Esopus and was discharged the time that he served at this time was a month or more, he did not receive any written evidence of his discharge or of his services, and all the persons who served with him at that time as far as he is acquainted are dead.

3. In April or the forepart of May in the year 1779 at Esopus this deponent further says that he again entered the service of the United States, in the New York Militia as a substitute for a class of militia who were to furnish a man, said class was composed of Peter Osterhout and others of Esopus in Ulster County for the term of Eight months in the regiment of Col. Albert Pawling of Ulster County and under Captain Hunter or Hunt as he believes whose Lieutenants were Henry Pawling of Dutchess County and I Elsworth of Ulster County the company rendezvous at Esopus from Esopus this deponent says he marched under the command of Lieut Elsworth to

Big Shandakin in Ulster County of join the army under the command of General Sullivan [Sullivan] to go against the western Indians but finding that Col. Pawling had gone on, Lieut Elsworth marched the men under his command back to Marbletown in said county, where they were discharged until further orders, which this deponent says was about three weeks.

4. This deponent further says that in the fore part of the summer of the same year and after his discharge by Lieut Elsworth, he again entered the service of the United States in the Militia of the State of New York as a Substitute for a class of the Militia who went to furnish a man, the names of the persons he does not recollect, but that he went for three months in a company commanded by Capt. Myers, or Brink in Kingston in said County and in Col John Snyders regiment, and that he was with the company marched to the Town of Woodstock in Ulster County and built a fort around one Peter Shorts house, the persons that belonged to the company and regiment some of them were John and Abraham feller, two by the names of Shorts, and after he had served out his term of three months this deponent was discharged at the Town of Woodstock in said County of Ulster; this deponent did not receive any written discharge at the Town of Woodstock in said County of Ulster; this deponent did not receive any written discharge or writing of his services, nor in the previous service—after being thus discharged this deponent returned to the Town of Esopus.

5—This deponent further says that sometime in the month of October of the same year and after his discharge at the Town of Woodstock in Ulster county he again entered the service of the United States, in the Militia of the State of New York as a substitute for a class of the Militia, who ware [were] to furnins [furnish] a man to serve for three months, the persons that composed this class were Abraham TenBroock, Wessel Ten Brock and this deponent who then was enrolled in the Militia in the Town of Esopus in Ulster County, that in this three months draught he was attached to Col. Haithorn's Regiment of Orange County of which Regiment Joseph Hasbrook of Ulster County was Lieut Col. And Evert Bogardus of Ulster County was his Captain, he was mustered in Esopus Ulster County, and from thence marched to Fishkill in Dutchess county where he joined the regiment, and this deponent further says that the regiment to which he belonged and himself ware [were] encamped back of a Stone Church in said Town of Fishkill during the three months; the names of some of the Soldiers that served with this deponent at Fishkill at that time were Edward Hermance, William Swart, John Low. That this deponent was discharged at Fishkill in the county of Dutchess in said State of New York, the latter part of December 1779 or forepart of January 1780 which he cannot say. L This deponent further says, that he did not receive any written discharge of his services, and that there is not to his knowledge any person who belonged to said Regiment or Company now living by whom he can prove his said services by.

6th This deponent further says that in April or the forepart of May in the year 1780 he again entered the services of the United States, in the Militia of the State of New York as a substitute for a class of the militia, who ware to furnish a man, from the Town of Rhinebeck in Dutchess County, where he then lived, having moved

[moved] from Ulster County to Dutchess County; the names of the persons for whom he went he does not at this day recollect, that this year this Deponent says he went on a eight month tour in the regiment commanded by Col. Albert Pawling of Ulster County and the company commanded by Henry Pawling Capt., whose Lieuts was Henry VanHooenburgh of Dutchess County and Lieut John J. VanDuesen of Ulster County. That this year this deponent was mustered at Esopus in Ulster County and marched to Big Shandakin which was back of Esopus in Ulster County New York and near the Blue Mouontains then so called; that our head quarters was at big Shandakin at which place we were engaged the principal part of the season in scouting the country, it being a frontier post at that time, we were some times at a place called Packatockin and Little Shandakin. And he knows of but one person by whom he can prove his said services in this campaign and that is one Joseph TerBush, who was in the same company and regiment with this deponent and whose testimony he expects to be able to obtain to accompany his declaration. This Deponent says that he was discharged this year at Big Shandakin or at Esopus or Marbletown, but he believes it was at Marbletown in said County of Ulster about the last of December 1780 or the forepart of January 1781 without any evidence of service or discharge whereupon this deponent returned to Rhinebeck in Dutchess County.

7th This deponent further says that in April or the forepart of May in the year 1781 he again entered the services of the United States in the Militia of the State of New York as a substitute for a class of the Militia who ware to furnish a man from the Town of Rhinebeck in the County of Dutchess for the term of Eight months, where he then lived, the names of the person for whom he we t he does not recollect at this day. That he served this year under the same officers as the year preceding except that John D. VanDeusen he believes did not belong to the expedition. That he was mustered at Esopus in the County of Ulster and marched to Shawionk [Shawangunk?] where they had head quarters and remained there the greater part of the time and that he was at a place this campaign called Shokan in Ulster County and at that place he helped to build a palisade fort, and that our services were bot the same as the year before, whilst stationed at Big Shandakin. This Deponent says that Joseph Ter Bush the same person who was one of the soldiers with this deponent in the Campaign of 1780, was with this deponent in the campaign of 1781 and is his only witness to prove this deponent services by that he knows of and this deponent says that he discharged at Shawionk or was marched back to Esopus or Marbletown and then discharged, but he believes it was at Marbletown ,and that he did not receive any written discharge of evidence of his services.

8th This deponent says that in the spring of the year 1782 he again entered the services of the United States and served in Newburgh, Orange County in the state of New York, and a part of the time in Ulster County (where he then lived) in making cloaths [clothes] for the soldiers which were stationed in and about said Newburgh, and for the soldiers which were stationed at West Point, serving and working the said time to wit, all of the spring months and he believes two of the summer months under the command and direction of John Roberson and Thomas Graves both Tailors, and

he this deponent then being a tailor by trade, and he this deponent says that he was allowed and drew his rations and other things of subsistence [subsistence] from the United States during the last term of service, which was three or four months, and this deponent says and he believes that he has done more than two years service as a soldier in the revolutionary war for his county.

And this deponent says that from the year 1783 to the year 1790 inclusive he resided in the County of Ulster in the State of New York and that he in the year 1791 came to the Town of North East (now Pine-Plains) Dutchess County & State aforesaid to reside and that he has resided in said town & County ever since & now resides there.

This deponent further saith that there is no Clergyman in Pine-Plains permanently [permanently located and settled now in the vicinity, that is as well informed as to his age reputation and character as others he shall hereafter name, to wit, Reuben W. Bostwick, Post Master Pine-Plains, Cornelius Huster, William Wooden of Pine-Plains—all of whom this deponent believes will testify to his good character for veracity and their belief of his services as a soldier of the revolutionary war.

Further he the said John A. Turck does hereby relinquish every claim whatsoever to a pension [pension] or annuity except the present and believes that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state, and further he says not.

Sworn to and subscribed the day & year aforesaid. Stephen Thorn Judge &c.