

Pension Application for William Turner

S.11583

State of New York

Cayuga County SS

On this 25th day of September A.D. 1832 personally appeared in open Court, before the court of Common Pleas in and for the County of Cayuga and state of New-York, now setting, William Turner a resident of Owasco in the County of Cayuga and State of New-York, aged 72 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 7th 1832:--

That he entered the service under the following named officers, and served as herein stated:--

That on the first day of April AD 1777 then being a resident of the town of Rochester in the County of Ulster in the State of New York he was drafted and entered the service of the United States for a term of four months in that company commanded by Captain John Hosbrook in Col. Levi Pauldings Regiment, that he marched with said company to Fort Montgomery on the Hudson River where he was stationed during the whole of said term of four months when he was discharged.

He further declares that in the month of August following he again entered said service in the company of militia commanded by Captain Joakum Schomaker in Col. Jacob Hornbeck's Regiment. That he marched with said company to the north to meet the army of Gen Burgoine, first to Albany and thence to Saratoga where he was at the time of the capture of Gen. Burgoine, from Saratoga he returned to Rochester aforesaid where he was discharged, having served a term of three months.

He further declares that in the month of November following as he believes he again entered, said service in the Company commanded by Captain [blank] Writght in Col. Philip Cortland, Lieut Col. Wisenvelt's & Major [blank] Fish Regiment as a substitute for one William Lewis whose term of service was to expire in the following April as he believes he having enlisted into said company for a term of two years as he was informed.

That he continued to serve in said company as such substitute until the following April a term of five months or more when he was discharged. That said Regiment was stationed during that winter at Rochester in the County of Ulster aforesaid.

He further declares that in the month of march or April AD 1779 he again enlisted into the Company of State troops commanded by Captain Newkark in Col Albert Pauldings Regiment for a term of nine months; that said company was engaged in guarding the frontiers in Ulster County until the commencement of Genl Sullivans northern expedition when said Regiment marched to meet a Brigade under Gen Clinton which was coming souoth through Otsego Lake to Join General Sullivan that said Regiment marched to Oquaga but arrived too late to meet said Brigade, and fromthence said Regiment returned to Rochester aforesaid, when the whole thereof, except the company of Captain Newkark to which he belonged marched to Stony Point

as he was informed, that he remained with Captain Newkarks company to guard the frontiers in Ulster County until the expiration of said term of nine months when he was discharged.

He further declares that on the 12th of August AD 1781 he was again called into said service in the company of militia commanded by Captain Benjamin Cortright in Col John Cantines Regiment—that said Regiment marched toward the Delaware to a place called the Beaverkill, in pursuit of a party of plundering Indians, and continued in said Service a term of half a month.

He further declares that In the month of March AD 1782 he again entered said service as a volunteer in the company of militia commanded by Captain John L. Hardenburgh, that he marched with said company to Popaken on the Delaware River in pursuit of a number of horses which had been plundered by the enemy, from thence he returned home having served a term of half a month.

He further declares that in the month of June following he again entered said service as a piquet guard in the company commanded by Captain John DePue—that he was stationed at a Piquet fort at Lacawack for a term of one month, when he was discharged, that there was but one company stationed at said fort during said term.

He further declares that about the month of August following he enlisted into a company of Rangers commanded by Capt. Derrick Westbrook & Lieut Levi DeYean for a term of three months, that he continued to range the frontiers in Ulster County during the whole of said term of three months.

That there was but one company engaged in said service during said term. That he never received a written discharge from said service as he believes.

That he has no other proof of said service than the accompanying and cannot procure any as he believes. That he saw Gen James Clinton, Gen. Gates, Gen Arnold, and others.

We, Israel Hammond a clergyman residing in Owasco in Cairo a [County?] and Samuel Hornbeck residing in Owasco hereby certify that we are well acquainted with William turner who ahs subscribed and sworn to the proceeding declaration; that we believe him to be 72 years of age; that he is reputed and believed, in the neighbourhood where he resides, to have been a soldier of the Revolution, and that he concur in that opinion.

Sworn and subscribed the day and year aforesaid. Asahel Fitch, Judge Israel Hammond, Samuel Hornbeck. Michael S. Myers, Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas for the County of Cayuga, State of New York.