

Pension Application for William Williams

S.14853

State of New York

County of Montgomery SS

On this nineteenth day of September one thousand eight hundred and thirty-two personally appeared in open Court before the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in and for said County of Montgomery now sitting, William Williams a resident of the town of Florida in said County, 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 born on the 13th day of October 1764 in the town of New Concord in the County of Albany (now Chatham, Columbia County) in said State. He has no record of his age except a certificate given him by his father previous to his (father's) death.

After the revolutionary war, he the said William Williams lived about two years in said town of Florida aforesaid.

He the said William Williams entered the service of the United States in the month of June 1780 as a private in the company of Captain Elijah Bostwick, in the Colonel Morris Graham's Regiment of State troops and served in said company until the month of October then next, to wit, for the term of four months. He served one month at Cherry Valley, and three months at and about Fishkill. He was then enrolled in the company of militia in his beat commanded by Captain Cady, the names of his other officers he cannot recollect—

Under an arrangement which obtained at that time, the militia were divided into classes of six men each—each class had to furnish one of their number or hire a man as a substitute. He was hired by a class, but the names of the persons for whom he became a substitute he cannot now remember. Under this arrangement he entered Colonel A. J. Van Alstine's Regiment at Greenbush, and served therein until the month of April or May in the year 1781, when he was transferred to Colonel Marinus Willett's Regiment of new Levies and served in Captain Elihu Marshall's Company in said regiment of Colonel Willett for the term of nine months. The name of his Lieutenant was James Cannon, and of his adjutant Jellis A. Fonda. His nine months service closed in January or February one thousand seven hundred and eighty two. He was in the battle of Turlock in Schoharie County under Colonel Willett in July one thousand seven hundred and eighty one, and was the remainder of his service, employed with the levies to ;which he belonged in guarding our then Northern frontier—He has marched from Kinderhook, through Albany, Schenectady, along the Mohawk river to fort Plain, Fort Herkimer, Fort Windecker and thence to Ballston, also to Sharon in Schoharie County and other places.—He never received any written discharge from the service.

He the said William Williams has once been on the pension list under the act of 1818 (or 1820) and was dropped therefrom he thinks in 1820 for the reason that he did not belong to the Continental establishment or line, but belonged to what was

termed new levies. What year he made application to the Departments for a pension under the act last named, he cannot recollect, but thinks it was in the fall of the year one thousand eight hundred and eighteen.

The affidavits of said James Cannon and Jellis A. Fonda by which his nine months services are proved are on file in the Departments—He knows of no other persons now living except Dan'l Darrow who can testify to any part of his services as aforesaid.

He has no documentary evidence unless the annexed certificate of said E. Marshall can be called such—and he relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, & declares that his name (except as aforesaid) is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state. (Signed) William Williams

Subscribed and sworn to the day and year first aforesaid in open court. Geo: D. Ferguson, Clerk