

Pension Application for Henry Brinckerhoff

S.12333

Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the "Act of Congress" passed June 7th 1832.

State of New York

Dutchess County SS.

On this twenty fourth day of September personally appeared in open court before the Court of Common Pleas now sitting Henry Brinckerhoff a resident of the Town of Fishkill, County of Dutchess and State of New York aged seventy four 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 your applicant who was sometimes called Hendrick Brinck entered the service of the United States in the Town of Fishkill, was born in Fishkill County & State aforesaid in 1758 as appears by his family record [?] at Fishkill aforesaid & County & State aforesaid in the summer of 1776 as a volunteer in the militia under Abraham Scheneck as Captain, John Langdon as Lieutenant, Cornelius VanWyck as Major, James Swartout as Colonel and were commanded by James Clinton, that your applicant was marched to Kingsbridge thence to Long Island, thence to York Island, thence to White Plain where he was engaged in the "Battle of White Plains", thence down the river & crossed near Tarrytown, thence to New Jersey, where he was engaged in two battles, which were fought (according to the best of his knowledge & belief) at Trenton & Princetown, and in both of which the Americans were successful, thence to New Windsor, thence to Constitution Island where he remained about a month in Garrison and until discharged after a service of about five months.

That in the course of a month or two thereafter he again entered the service in Fishkill as a volunteer in the Militia under [blank] Butler as Captain [blank] Crane as Lieutenant and (as he believes) [blank] Place as Major. That he entered the service for nien months, but after marching north to the Mohawk and remaining a short time he enlisted into the regular army for three years or for during the war into the New York Line early (as he believes) in the spring of 1777, under Capt. [blank] Faulkner, Lieut [blank] Hunter in [blank] VanSchaick's regiment and James Clinton General.

That he cannot particularly set forth his various services, now with absolute certainty the order of time in which they occurred but (according to the best of his knowledge and belief) he enlisted into the regular army somewhere on the river Mohawk in the State of New York, was afterwards at Tioga Lake, thence down the Susquehanna to [Sarango?] or the great Bend into the Genesee County to Geneva, thence back to the Great Bend, thence in to the State of Pennsylvania, thence into the State of New Jersey, thence to the South, was at the Battle of Brandywine under command of Captain [blank] Faulkner, afterwards in New Jersey, thence again to the South, was at another battle under General [blank] Green when the British were commanded (as he believes) by [blank] Clinton, thence to New Jersey.

That he was at the battle of Monmouth, was at the storming of Stoney Point under General [blank] Wayne, thence to New Jersey. That he was engaged in a skirmish at (as he believes) at Woodbride in New Jersey when he first learned of the treason of Arnold and the execution of Andre. That he was in Van Schaick's at the surrender of Cornwallis, thence went to Philadelphia [Philadelphia], thence to New York where he remained until he received his discharge.

That he preserved his discharge (which was signed "James Clinton") for five or six years when he list it. That he now resides in the Town of Fishkill, County of Dutchess and State of New York. That he can produce no documentary evidence of his service and knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service. That those clergymen who are located near him have been but recently settled and therefor he produced other witnesses to make the required certificate to wit, Joseph J. Jackson one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in & for the County of Dutchess & State of New York and Abraham Myers, Sheriff of said County of Dutchess & State aforesaid.

And your applicant hereby 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 and further he declares not. (Signed) Henry Brinckerhoff.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid. Henry J. Traver, Clerk