

Pension Application for James Gunsaulis

[Note, this deposition was taken in another state and the pronunciation of names and places no doubt did not match anything the scribe recognized.]

S.16397

State of Kentucky

Harrison County SS.

On tis 14th day of January 1833 before us Enoch Worthen, William Marshall, Joel Fraizer and William Brown, Constituting the County Court of Harrison County in the State of Kentucky—which is a court of record, now sitting appeared James Gunsaulis a resident of Harrison County, in the State of Kentucky aged upwards of Seventy Eighty years, having been born in orange County New York, on the 7th of December 1754, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the law of Congress, passed June 7th 1832.

He states that he entered the service of the United States, under the following named officers, and served as is hereinafter stated. That he volunteered & entered said service for three months under Capt. John DeWitt, s'd Lieut William rose & Ensign Mathew Neiley—in the regiment commanded by Colo. Simeon Bevier & Major Andrew Bevier, and marched from Orange County New York to [Nipaca? Napanock?] on the Naousing river, where it enters the Delaware river. Thence marching & countermarching on the frontiers guarding the same, until the expiration of s'd tour, when he was dismissed & went home—precise time not recollected—

That afterwards he volunteered and entered said service for six months, under Capt Levi DeWitt, Lieut. Johnathan Hardenbarrack [Jonathan Hardenberg?] & Ensign Coonrod Bevier, in the regiment commanded by Colo Levi Paulding & Major Dubois, in the brigade commanded by Genl James Clinton. That he marched from Orange County New York to Warsing, on the frontier, and thence from place to place and sometimes in station on the frontiers of Orange & other counties N. York during the whole of this tour & when it was ended he was dismissed & sent home.

That afterwards he again entered said service for nine months under Capt. John Humphreys, Lieut William Rose & Ensign Johnathan Hardenbarrack, in the regiment commanded by Colo James McLaughlin [McClaughtery?] in the brigade commanded by Genl James Clinton & Gove George Clinton being in Company.

That he marched from his residence in Orange County to Fort Montgomery on the North River near where the chain was stretched across s'd river opposite Fort Clinton where he had served about seven months of his s'd tour when the s'd fort was taken by the enemy.

This made his escape from the fort & enemy upon their taking it as did also Genl Clinton & Governor Clinton, and others and forthwith after served the balance of said tour under his s'd Lieut. Rose, the balance of the officers being taken. The siege & taking of this fort being all the engagements that he was in that he rec'd discharges for both the first tours, which he supposes have been long since lost or destroyed. That he rec'd no discharge for the last tour.

That he verily believes & asserts that he served in said service full eighteen months including the s'd three tours above alluded to. That his name & age were recorded in his fathers family bible, which was burnt—he thinks he was about twenty three, when Fort Montgomery was taken as afos'd [aforesaid]. That he lived in Orange County N. York at the place called Mama Cotton [Mamakating?] when he entered said service each time as afos'd and lived there two or three years after the revolution.

Then he moved to Pennsylvania, where he lived three years near East town; thence back to New York above Tioga Point where he resided [resided] one season, thence to Mason County Ky—thence to Harrison County KY, where he now resides.

That he recollects Colo. Brown at Fort Montgomery & Genl Putnam at Fort Clinton.

That he knows of no person living by whom he can prove his said services.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that this name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state or territory whatever. (Signed with his mark) James Gunsaulis

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year afos'd Attest, Samuel Endecott, Clk H. C. [Harrison County]