

Pension Application for Simon Helm

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State of New York
Cayuga County SS.

On this 4th 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, Simon Helm a resident of Springport in the County of Cayuga and State of New York aged 70 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 in the Spring of the year 1778 when of the age of sixteen years, being a resident of the town of Marbletown in the County of Ulster & State of New York he was enrolled in the company of militia commanded by Captain Frederick Schoonmaker, Lieutenant John C. Dewitt, Second Lieutenant John A. Dewitt in the Regiment commanded by Col. John Cantine—

That soon after he was so enrolled the companies in said Regiment were divided into classes, each class containing eight soldiers that the said classes were so organized for the purpose of guarding the lines against the incursions of the Indians and torys. That said classes were so organized early in every spring until the close of the war and continued so organized until late in the fall a term of about eight months—

That during the whole of said term of eight months in each year from the year 1778 until the close of the war he served as a soldier in one of said classes, that each soldier was compelled to keep himself in constant readiness to march at moments warning in cases of alarm. And was also compelled to stand upon guard on the frontiers as a general rule every sixth or seventh night.

And that during the whole of said time he performed his duty as such guard, and was frequently in service in cases of alarm, & in scouting parties against the Indians, that he lived upon the frontiers and was prevented by frequent incursions of the Indians from attending regularly to any kind of business—

That he was some times out for a term of one month and some times a term of two and sometimes one week & that during each of said terms of eight months in each year he served a term of five or six months as he believes—

That the frontier lines upon which he served as guard were from Esopus landing at Minisink—that he never served with any continental regiment & that he never received a regular written discharge form said service.

He 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 any State or territory.
(Signed) Simon Helm

Sworn to and subscribed by Isaac Smith the 4th day of September AD 1832 before me, John E. Williams, Justice of the Peace.