

Pension Application for William Knapp

R.6015

State of New York

Orange County SS.

On the fourth day of September in the year one thousand eight hundred & thirty two personally appeared in open Court before the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in and for Orange County being a court of record now sitting William Knapp a resident of the Town of Warwick in the County of Orange and State of New York aged seventy eight years the tenth day of October next 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 of the seventh June 1832.

That he was called out into the service in the militia under Captain John Menthern in Colonel John Hathorn's Regiment & went to [Kapatt?] Tapan Haverstraw Chester and was out six weeks at that time the date he cannot tell took three hogs heads of Tea three hogsheads of [sum?] one [?] of wine & 700 round bottles for the British he was called out again under Capt. Sears in the aforesaid Regiment & served under him about one year at Ramapo in New Jersey and then at Matinus Deckers fort at Minisink and kept alternately after would not be at home more than one knight until he would be ordered out to the other fort that he served seven times of service of four weeks each at Matinus deckers fort in Minisink and one time at Ramapoo six weeks cannot recollect any of the field officers Lieutenant Stewart was killed at Deckers by the Indians—was again called out and in Captain Blain & went to Stony Point and was there at the taking of five hundred british [sic] prisoners and deponent was detailed on a guard to guard the said prisoners to Easton in the State of Pennsylvania was then out about from eight to twelve days.

General George Clinton was at Stony Point in command at this time cannot remember any other officers Major Blain commanded the guard that guarded the prisoners to Easton. That he was during the war at Daniel VanAukins fort at Minisink Orange County four times and four weeks each time he cannot state any of the field officers in command there but was under the command of captain McCumbly Colonel John Hathorn was there a part of the time. Deponent was a West Point under Captain Miller and helped to build the fort there was there eight weeks he cannot remember the field officers that commanded there.

He was ordered out at the time Fort Montgomery was taken by the british [sic] and arrived at the distance of about four miles from the fort when he heard it was taken. Deponent then went to Little Brittain & was Stationed there about a fortnight General James Clinton commanded at Little Brittain. That this deponent lived in the County of orange during the Revolutionary War and never missed but an allarm [alarm] during the war but what he was out & then he was sick with the yellow [Jandice?] but he cannot detail the particulars that he moved a blacksmith shop with the yoke of oxen and one horse from the town of Warwick to New Windsor for the use of the American Army that for seven years during the revolutionary war he was out at least four months in each year 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 agency of any state. (Signed with his mark) William Knapp

And in answer to the interrogatories specially put by the court the deponent answers as follows.

1st Interrogatory he says he was born in the Town of Warwick in the County of Orange in the year 1755.

2nd The deponent says that he has no record of his age.

3. The deponent lived in the town of Warwick aforesaid when called into actual service and his [has} lived there ever since the revolution & still lives there.

4. He was always ordered out in the Malitia he served under draft but [?] he then drew clear but volunteered in the same expedition never was a substitute for any person.

5th he was at Ramapo & other places he cannot now recollect under General Henry Wisner on several occasions General Hathorn Major Blain all militia officers never was commanded by the continental officers except General Clinton as above stated has seen General Washington at Suffern.

6th He never received a written discharge.

7. That in deponents neighbourhood he is known to the following persons who can testify as to his character for veracity and their general belief of his services as a soldier of the revolution. William Carr Junior, Benjamin Davis. (Signed with his mar) William Knap

Subscribed & Sworn the 4th day of September 1832. Asa Dunning Clerk