

Pension Application for Thomas Martin

S.13876

State of New York

Dutchess County SS.

On this twenty fourth day of September in the year one thousand eight hundred and thirty two personally appeared in open court before the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in and for the County of Dutchess now sitting Thomas Martin a resident of the Town of Beekman in the County of Dutchess and State of New York aged seventy nine 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 of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated.

That he was born in the Town of Beekman in the County of Dutchess and State of New York on the twentieth day of November in the year one thousand seven hundred and fifty two, that he has a record of this age in his possession in the family bible that belonged to his Father; that he was living in the Town of Fishkill in the County of Dutchess and State of New York when called into service has lived there since the Revolutionary War until the year one thousand eight hundred & nine when he went to live in the Town of Beekman in the County of Dutchess & State aforesaid has lived there ever since that in the years one thousand seven hundred and seventy six in the month of January he enlisted as a volunteer for four months in Captain William Clark's Company, Ensign Bartholomew, GaudesBurgh that he joined the said Company at the House of Theodosus Aduance in Fishkill and marched down to Sing-Sind where the over being open the company was taken on board of a sloop and transported to New York City, that Joshua Carman was the Adjutant of the Regiment to which the company belonged but that he cannot recollect who was the Colonel of the Regiment, that the Troops were commanded by General Lee and often received by Lord Stirling, that General McDouglas brigade lay at the time in New York and wore bear skin caps, that he continued in New York until his time of enlistment expired when he got a parol discharge from Captain Clark and returned home.

That in the latter part of the summer of the year seventeen hundred and seventy six he again volunteered for four months in the ranging service in the company commanded by William Clark Captain, and Theodosus Britt Lieutenant that it was the duty of the Company to patrole the highlands along the Hudson River, that they were also engaged in watching the motions of the vessels the Phoenix & [?] which belonged to the enemy and had come up the river and lay a few days below Verplanck's Point, that he received a discharge from the ranging service form his captain after doing duty four months which said discharge is lost, that he did in the latter part of the same fall enter as a substitute for Gershom Martin his brother (who had enlisted nine months & had three to [?]) in Captain Rosekrans Company in Colonel Dubois Regiment at Fort Montgomery that Governor Gorge [George] Clinton had command of the Fort, and that Captain Swarhout had a company at the Fort that

he acted as a second sergeant in place of his brothers until the last of February seventeen hundred and seventy seven when his term expired and he received a discharge from Col. Dubois which is lost having done duty at the fort for three months as a substitute as aforesaid.

That some time in the month of August 1777 he was drafted in Captain George Burkinhoof Company in a Regiment by Col. Smith that his company went to Peekskill and joined the troops under General Putnam that the enemy came up the River and drove the troops from Peekskill and destroyed the stores. That he was under General Putman when Fort Montgomery was taken by the enemy that General Putnams Troops lay on the opposite side of the River.

That soon after the capture of Fort Montgomery he was discharged from the service by Col. Smith but that his discharge is lost that he was in said service under Putnam about two months that in the month of September in the year seventeen hundred and seventy eight he was chosen by Captain John Haines and compelled to serve (as he understood) in his company, that the company was called a company of Rangers, and were under the Control of Egbert Benson Attorney General of the State of New York, and were engaged in [seizing] persons who were respected of holding correspondence with the enemy that he was engaged in said service continually about two months, that their prisoners were delivered up at Pokeepsie [Poughkeepsie] in the County of Dutchess that he then received his regular pay, as a soldier and received a verbal discharge from his Captain, that he has no documentary evidence of his service and knows of no person whose testimony he can procure, who can testify to his service others than that hereunto annexed that he is known in his present neighborhood to Philip Hagler, Jacob Dougtity, Cornelia Doughty, Cornelius Peters, Henry Hulse, Nathaniel Berry, James Delong, Egbert Cary, George Green & Robert B. Noxon who can testify to his character for veracity and a belief of his services as a soldier of the revolution.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and swears that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state.
(Signed) Thomas Martin

Sworn to and Subscribed the day & year aforesaid. Henry B. Fraiser Clerk