

### **Pension Application for Garret Oblenis**

W.24361 & S.27262 (Widow: Vrouche) Married November 1781, he died March 4, 1839, they had no children.

Oblenis, Garret

His name appears on a list of applicants for invalid pension returned by the District Court for the District of New York, submitted to the House of Representatives by the Secretary of War on May 22, 1794, and printed in the American State Papers, class 9, page 126.

Rank: Private

Captain Johnsons Company

Disability: Received a shot from one of the enemy's boats then in the North river, which broke his arm and two of his ribs.

When and where disabled: November 17, 1777, Bergen County, N.Y.

"Residence: Orange County.

To what pension entitled: One-half

Remarks: No rolls of this comp'y

Evidence complete.

State of New York

Rockland County SS.

On this fifteenth day of November 1836, personally appeared in open court, before the Judges of the court of common Pleas, in and for said county, Garret Oblenis, a resident of the town of—Clarkstown, in the said county, lagged 76 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 provision made by the act of Congress, passed June 7<sup>th</sup> 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States, under the following named officers and served as herein stated.

That early in the month of July, in the year 1776, the British ships of war first sailed up the Hudson River and anchored in the Tappan and Haverstraw Bays, when the militia was ordered out in mass, to guard along the shores and landing places along the said river when Capt. Hendrick Tenure with his company was ordered out by Coln A. Hawkes Hay, to which regiment the said Capt belonged when this deponent who belonged in said company was ordered out and on the twentieth or twenty first of July aforesaid went with said company and guarded along the said river at Nyack in the now town of Clarkstown, and served for ten days, when he enlisted on the last day of July or the first day of August, for five months in a company whereof Jacob Deronde was Capt. In Coln Drakes Regiment, and marched to Haverstraw, there crossed the said river and was landed at Piedhills, near Peakskill, where they remained building fortifications and guarding until the first of January 1777, when he and the said company was discharged and he went home.

That in the last of the winter or first of the spring in the year 1777, by orders of Coln Hay, Capt Tenures Company was divided into classes of four men in a class in

order that a guard might be continually kept along the said river and at other important places by some while others could attend to their domestic concerns, and that he also was classed as well as others in he said company, and he did serve not less than one week in each and every four weeks, from the first of April until the first of August a guarding along [along] the river at Nyack, at the long and short Clove and at Clarkstown, and served not less than one month in weekly tours as aforesaid—When on the said first day of August, at Clarkstown aforesaid, he enlisted for three months in a company commanded by Capt. John Gardner, in Coln A. Hawkes Hays Regiment, which time was principally spent in marching from one place to an other, and went to Haverstraw thence returned to the long Clove thence to Nyack thence along the river to Tappan town thence into the State of New Jersey, to Closter, the Liberty pole to Schralenburgh, thence returning through Tappan town to Clarkstown, thence to Clarkstown, thence to Haverstraw, and was there discharged on the first of November—when he on the same day enlisted at Clarkstown for three months, in a company commanded by Capt. Robert Johnson in said Coln Hays regiment, and went to Closter, and there joined a company of the New Jersey troops, commanded by Capt Abraham Haring and was guarding along Closter and scouting down to the Liberty pole and as far below as was safe to go—when on the seventeenth day of said November when we had marched as far as Wehawk, near New York, we came in contact with some of the enemy, he was wounded buy a ball passing through his left arm, a little above the elbo [elbow], which shattered the bone in may pieces and passed into his side and broke two of his ribs, he was then conveyed to his father's house in the now town of Clarkstown, and was confined to his bed for three months and a half and it was nearly a year before he could perform any bodily labour, or fairly recovered from his wound so received.

That early in the spring of the year 1779, he having then so far recovered of his wound, he voluntarily entered the service in said Capt Tenures Company and did guard along the river at different stations at Nyack and at Haverstraw and at the long clove at Clarkstown, and at Tappantown and served not less than one week in each and every four weeks, from the first of April until the first of December, the time the British ships generally lay in said Boys and that he served not less than two months in weekly tours.

That In the year 1780 he again served in the said company from the first of April until the first of December, stations and duty as aforesaid, land served not less than two months in weekly tours as aforesaid.

That in the year 1781 he again served in the said company from the first of April to the first of December, stations and duty as aforesaid, and served not less than two months in weekly tours as aforesaid.

That in the year 1782, he again served I the said company from some time in the month of April until the month of September (when the said ships sailed for New York and did not after wards return to said bays) and served not less than one month in weekly tours.

That exclusive of services by him set forth in the different companies, he did considerable service a guarding as aforesaid in Capt. Tenures Company as a substitute for his Father Hendrick Oblenis, who having to attend to his domestick [sic domestic] duty and could not often be spared from home, and this deponent being of less service at home and feeling anxious that the American cause should prosper willingly took upon himself the service, and to state precisely the amount of time he so served at this late period his is unable, but can confidentially say it was not less than three months, in weekly tours, guarding at the different stations aforesaid during the years and seasons by him above set forth as serving in the said company under Capt. Hendrick Tenure.

And this deponent further saith, that in the recital of the services by him above set forth, he has endeavoured to set forth no service, but what his is conscious that if the law of June 7, 1832, had been passed shortly after the said war and while they was yet fresh in his memory when he could have set forth the precise length of each period, that they would far exceed the time now stated, but since so many years have passed by, and his memory of past events so imperfect, he would rather suffer a a [sic] great part thereof to pass by not named, than to set fourth one weeks service by him not performed.

And the deponent further saith, that death has removed so many of his fellow soldiers that served with him during the said war, that he cannot find a single person to prove his service und[er] Capt. John Gardner in 1777, nor any that does actually know that he served as a substitute for his father, they know he served but weather [whether] for himself or father they cannot say.

And this deponent further saith, that all the services by him above set forth, under the different Capt was rendered as private in each of them respectively.

And this deponent further saith, that he received pay for his enlistments under Capt Derone and Johnson for those under Capt Gardner, he was informed there could not be money procured to pay the men, and being wounded shortly after he does not recollect ever to have received any, and as to his services rendered under Capt Tenure he never received any pay therefor nor did he ever see or hear of any payrole, [payroll] and almost all the Militia of the revolution inform him that that [sic] was the case with them, there is a few that say they once received a small pittance but not sufficient to pay for half the services they rendered in the year they received the same, and was told that it was all the money that could then be got which was divided among those present at the time, those not present was to receive an equal proportion when more money was received.

The reason that this deponent has to offer for not making earlier application for a pension under the said act is. That he is now, and has long been placed on the roles [rolls] of the of the State of New York, and was at the time others applied, informed that he could not make application unless he relinquished his present pension, and it was not until after the setting of the last County Court, that he first received information in the City of New York, and afterwards by letter directed by the Honl. James L. Edwards to his agent, that altho he was an Invaled [Invalid] pensioner, that

did onto debar him from receiving the benefit of the provision made by the act of congress of June 7, 1832.

That he was born in the now town of Clarkstown on the twenty seventh day of March in the year 1760.

2d That the record of his age is that kept by his Father in the old family Bible and now in the possession of the widow of his brother Peter from which he took his age.

3d That from his birth to the present time he has always resided in the town of Clarkstown aforesaid.

4<sup>th</sup> That his enlistments was voluntarily and his service under Capt Tenure was willingly performed.

5<sup>th</sup> That Genl Wayn [Wayne], Col'n Lee, Major Lee were at times with the troops with which he served.

6<sup>th</sup> For any of his services, he was always verbally discharged.

7<sup>th</sup> That he is personally known to most of the residents in the town of Orange and Clarkstown – as well as to John Hutton Doct'r, Abm Cornelison, Judge Abm Steepens, who can testify to his character for veracity and their belief of his services as a soldier of the Revolution.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity except the pension granted to him as an Invalid [Invalid] , only as an Invalid pensioner on the rolls of the State of New York. (Signed) Garret Oblenis

Sworn to, and subscribed in open court the day and year first aforesaid.