

Pension Application for Sybrant Quackenbush

W.20008 (Widow: Elizabeth)

State of New York

Rensselaer County SS.

Sybrant Quackenbush of the town of Cambridge in the County of Washington being duly sworn upon his oath says that he cannot state with certainty the day of the month when he first entered the service of the United States but knows it was In the month of September 1777, and according to the best of this deponents recollection before the middle of said months & that he this deponent continued in actual service as stated in his amended Declaration until after Burgoyne's surrender which happened on the 17th of October 1777, and this deponent therefore believes he was a full month in service during said year or more.

And this deponent further says that since making the annexed declaration, he this deponent upon reflection & information has become fully satisfied that he was mistaken in the year when he next entered the service of the United States and that in truth & in fact it was on the 1st day of January 1779, instead of 1778 as stated in said declaration.

That this deponent then & still well recollects that it was on New Years day when he enlisted with Captain Joseph Peak in the bateaux service as stated in said declaration & that this deponent verily supposed it was in the year 1778 but is now fully satisfied it was on the 1st of January 1779.

And this deponent further says that he continued in actual service of the United States as a private in the bateaux service in Col Christopher Yates regiment for the full term of one year, when this deponent was discharged at Albany as stated in said amended declaration.

This deponent further says that his discharge was not in writing but by parol. [parole]

And this deponent further says that altho this deponent resides in the town of Cambridge in the county of Washington & has resided there for many years past yet that he this deponent has but few acquaintances then, and now who can testify to this deponents services—

That he this deponent was born in Schaghticoke in in the County of Rensselaer & resided there until he was 26 years of age.

That the said town of Cambridge adjoins the said town of Schaghticoke & this deponent is from bodily infirmity unable to attend a Court of Record in any County for the purpose of making his application for a pension without great inconvenience & hazard and expense.

And this deponent further says that during this deponents said term of service for one year he this deponent was engaged in carrying provisions to the army of the United States then stationed in the County of Saratoga, that one Derrick Swart was a commissary and from time to time this deponent and the company to which he belonged were constantly employed in driving the cattle purchased & in transporting other provisions purchased by said commissary to the said army. And this deponent

during said year was not employed in any civil pursuit, and this deponent further says that Captain Joseph Peak is still living near Schenectady & can testify to this deponents service but this deponent cannot procure his testimony without great inconvenience & expense which this deponent is unable to pay. And this deponent further says that Wynant Vandenburg of Schaghticoke in the County of Rensselaer only person who knows of this deponents services when testimony this deponent can conveniently obtain. (Signed) Cybrant Quackenbush.

Sworn this 24th day of June 1833. H. Knickerbacker, First Judge of Rensselaer County.