

Pension Application for Nicholas Siscow or Bogart

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State of New York

City and County of New York SS.

On this twenty ninth day of July eighteen hundred and forty four personally appeared before me, D. Randell, Justice of the Peace and Judge of the Marine Court for the City and County of New York, Nicholas Siscow a resident of the City of New York aforesaid aged eighty five years passed—Who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provisions of the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832. That he entered the service of the United States in the year 1776 as he believes first for five months under Capt. James Smith and Colonel Cooper or Nicholsan as a private and a substitute for his master who proposed to him if he would stand the draught for him and since in his stead during the war of the Revolution let its termination he this deponent who was then a slave and held in substitute by David Bogart then residing in Orange County but since divided and called Rockland County and township of Orange should have his [?] to which proposition he acceded whose name was then generally called after his master Bogert but whether it was so written on the muster rolls or not he does not know.—And at that time and in that vicinity all the men who were true to their country & able to bear arms who did not join the regular line of the army—were divided into class of four men each who were to take their turns in doing military duty in the militia and those who did not turn out, voluntarily and those who did not turn out voluntarily one draughted once in [?] a time to serve according to the [?] of that day in guarding the frontiers or what was then called the lines—And according to his best recollection he was stationed in or near what is called Tappan and a part of the time in what is now called WestChester County near what is called KingsBridge and during this term of service he was in three scurmages [skirmishes] with the British on and near the shores of the North River. And after that tour had expired he returned home to Orange County—But whether he did any more long terms of military duty at one time, say four or six months the cannot distinctly recollect—But says he continued to take his regular turns in serving in the militia in monthly tours and otherwise at all times according to the requisitions of that day And in that vicinity until the cessation of arms. And served under the following Captains viz, J. Smith as aforesaid Capt J.J. Blauvelt, Capt. John Hogencamp, Capt William Sickles, Capt. Tenure and others whose names he does not distinctly recollect as their officers & men are frequently changed according to [?] circumstances- which is supposed to be better known at the department than he can explain all the particulars—Nor can he even give all the particulars in relation to the times and places in which he did military duty—but knows he took his regular turns during the whole war as a substitute for his master and served mostly in the following counties with Orange & West Chester in New York and Bergan County in New Jersey—land this deponent further says he was in frequent scurmishes with the Robbers and British whilst out on the line of his duty and he suffered many hardships—during the [?] seasons of the year by [?] frequently by night as well as by day—As they who served in the Militia are incessantly called upon at every alarm as the enemy were constantly committing depredations upon the inhabitants on the frontiers—

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or any annuity except the present and he declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency of any state and that he has never before applied for his pension to which he considers himself legally and justly entitled and if he has erred in any of his statements in this declaration it is circumstantial since he [? Can't read a few words] will be accounted for on just principles— which is the long lapse of time since those events.—his great age and consequent infirmities. And for the purpose of [????]

Know all men by these presents that I Nicholas Siscow aforesaid do hereby constitute and appoint William K. Hoyt to be my true [?] lawful attorney for me and in my name to demand and receive from the United States a warrant or certificate for my pension due me according to law and my said attorney is hereby fully authorized and empowered to constitute and appoint one or more substitute or attorneys under him for the special purposes above [?] (Signed with his mark) Nicholas Siscow

Sworn to this 2d day of August 1844 before me. D. Randell, Justice of the peace & Judge Marine Court of the City of New York.