

Pension Application for Dowah H. Tallman

W.16434 (Widow: Rachel Haring Tallman) Dowah died June 22, 1830.

State of New York

Rockland County SS.

On this tenth day of November 1829, personally appeared in open court, being a court of Record by the Laws of said state, for the county of Rockland Dowah H. Tallman, a resident in said county, aged seventy four years, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth, on his oath make the following declaration, in order to obtain the provision made by the acts of Congress, of the 18th March 1818, and the first of May 1820.

That he the said Dowah H. Tallman enlisted for the term of nine months on the first day of April 1776, in the State of New York, in a company commanded by Capt. John Bell, in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Wisenfelt, in the line of the state of New York, in the Continental establishment; that he continued to serve in the said corps until the first day of January 1779, when he was discharged from the service in the town of Orange, then Orange but now Rockland County, and State aforesaid.

That exclusive of the above services, he served in a company commanded by Capt. Vandike in a regiment commanded by Col'n Lashier in 1776, and was in the continental army when they made their escape from Long Island to New York, on the night of the 29th of August 1776, at which time his Father's property was all destroyed, which left him and his offspring all poor, the length of time he was in the service at that time not recollected, and has served in different corps from that time until the close of the war, that he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension except the present, that his name is not on the roll of any State except New York and that the following are the reasons for not making earlier application for a pension:

That he was ignorant of the way to proceed to obtain a pension until he received instruction from the war department in answer to a letter written to his Excelency [Excellency] Andrew Jackson President this last spring, for information as respects himself and others.

And, in pursuance of the Act of the first May, 1820, I do solely [solemnly] swear –that I was a resident citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818, and that I have not since that time by gift, sale, or in any manner disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions of an act of Congress, entitled “An act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval services of the United States in the Revolutionary War” passed on the 18th day of March 1818, and that I have not, nor has any person in trust for me, any properties or securities, contracts, or debts due to me, nor have I any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereunto annexed and by me subscribed. That no changes has taken place in my property since the 18th day of March 1818, except what has been made by the ravages of time.

Schedule. Real estate I have none. And my personal property, necessary clothing, and bedding excepted, consists of the following articles. 2 Cows, 6 chairs, 3 tables, 1 looking glass, 3 pails, 1 washtub, 1 [Chevan?] 3 [Keelors?], 3 Iron pots, one

Gridalel, 2 stone pots, that I am by trade a Carpenter, but being aged and infirm I am not able to work at it sufficient to support myself, and that my family consists of only an aged and infirm wife. (Signed) Dowah H. Tallman

Sworn in Open Court. James Stevens Clerk of the County of Rockland.

State of New York

Rockland County SS.

On this eighteenth day of September 1837. Personally appeared before me Abraham B. Stephens, one of the Judges in and for said County, Rachel Tallman, a resident of the town of Ramapo, in said county, aged Seventy nine years, who, being first duly sworn according to law, doth on her oath, make the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress, passed July 4th 1836.

That she is the widow of Dowah H. Tallman, who was a private and a Sergeant, and served during the Revolutionary War as follows.

That agreeable to the information she received from her said Husband. That the said Dowah, H. Tallman on the first of May in the year 1776, enlisted in the City of New York for six months as a private in a company commanded by Capt. Horndike in Col'n Willets Regiment. That after his enlsitement they remained for some time in the city making fortifications then crossed the East River to Long Island where he remained making fortifications and other duties until after the Battle was fought there, then retreated with Gen'l Washington's Army to New York, thence to Harlem and fourt [Fort] Washington, from thence he with others was sent across the river to Hoboken, where they took boats and assisted General Washington with part of the American Army to cross the river into the State of New Jersey, and was for some time at Fort Lee and when that place was abandoned which if her memory is right was in the month of October her said husband not knowing where his Capt. was, went to his father's at Tappan.

That in the latter part of the winter of 76 & 77, his father sent the said Dowah to New York to try if possible to fetch away a boat they had taken from him the fall previous, but was unfortunate, being discovered he was taken up as a spy, and confined in Irons for seven weeks, when he was, by the intercession of a friend, permitted at times to walk the streets, and in the following winter, got secretly into a wagon of a farmer from Long Island and went with him to the Island, land from thence made his escap [escape] home.

That on the first of April in the year 1778 he enlisted at Tappan for nine months, in a company whereof John bell was Capt. in Col'n Graham's regiment as a sergeant, an[d] was stationed, a while at Nyack from thence went to the White Plains, from thence to Newbridge, from thence to Paramus, and thence to Tappan, and was there discharged on the first of January 1779, as is more fully set forth in the affidavit of Tunis Tallman, hereunto annexed.

That in the spring of the year 1779, the said Dowah H. Tallman then residing within the beat of the said John Bell's company, a Capt. of the Militia in Col'n A.

Hawks Hays regiment, having to perform his proportion of Class duty, equal with others in the said company, and served as a private (she believes) and served not less than one week in each and every four weeks, until Winter, stationed at different stations along the Hudson River from Sneden Landing to Nyack, at Tappan Town, and in the State of New Jersey at Closter, Schralenburgh and the Liberty Pole, and served not less than two months in tours as aforesaid.

That in the year 1780, he served in tours and duty as aforesaid, and served not less than two months in weekly tours.

That in the year 1781, he served from early in the spring until the first of October in tours and duty as aforesaid, and served not less than one month and a half, in weekly tours.

That in the fall of the year 1781, the said Dowah H. Tallman, removed into the State of New Jersey, within the beat of a company whereof—Thomas Blanch was Capt. in Col'n Dey's regiment, and agreeable to the orders of the Governor of that state; became subject to a draft, the manner that the men in that state was called upon to do duty, to serve for one month, that on or about the first of May, in the year 1782, the said Dowah was drafted for one month, and served that time as a private under the said Capt. Blanch part of the time at Closter, part at the liberty pole, and part at Schralemburgh and after the said months service was expired, the said Dowah did do other duty under the said Capt., she believes a s aubsitut [Substitute], but how much she is unable to say of which service she has no documentary evidence in support of the claim.

That as to the service of the said Dowah, under Cap't Vandike, she is unable to procure a single witness to prove the same, and the annexed testimony is all she can at this later period offer to prove his other services.

She further declares that she was married to the said Dowah H. Tallman, by the Rev'd Samuel Verbryck on the seventh day of October in the year seventeen hundred and eighty one; and that her husband the aforesaid Dowah H. Tallman, died on the twenty second day of June, eighteen hundred and thirty; and that she has remained a widow ever since that period as will more fully appear by reference to the proof hereunto annexed. (Signed with her mark) Rachel Tallman

Sworn to and subscribed on the day and year above written before Abm. B. Stephens Judge.