

Pension Application for Abraham J. Terwilliger

S.14669

State of New York

County of Ulster

On this 11th day [of] September personally appeared before the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in open Court now sitting Abraham J. Terwilliger a resident of the Town of Warwarsing in said County of Ulster and State of New York aged 69 years who being 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 service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated.

That about the spring of the year 1778 he volunteered in Shawangunk in Ulster County for 8 months in a company by whom commanded he cannot remember but that he was stationed in the Regiment of Col. Paulding and served at Lackawack and at Warwarsing for said term of service that at the time he was out and Lying at Lackawack at the time that General Sullivan went up through the County of Ulster on the way west in pursuit of the Indians.—that he was in the company to which he belonged to meet and go with General Sullivan at Tuscorora near the Delaware river but that General Sullivan had passed those days before they arrived.—that a letter was stuck up against a tree containing the information of the departure of General Sullivan as aforesaid upon the receipt of which we returned to the fort at Lachawack that from thence we were marched to Stony Point on the Hudson River and that from thence he was marched to Fishkill & Poughkeepsie & was then discharged.

That next in the Spring of the year 1781 he thinks in April he again volunteered in the Town of Shawangunk for 6 months but under what captain he cannot remember, that he was marched from Shawangunk to Warwarsing and placed in the regiment of Colonel Paulding for the said 6 months and was stationed as a guard at the house of James Bevin in Rochester now Warwarsing and there lay for said term of six months and was then discharged.

That in July in 1782 as he thinks the next after the aforesaid service of six months he volunteered for 3 months In Shawangunk in the Company of which he can't remember the command that from Shawangunk he was marched to Stony Point on the Hudson River that he lay about a week that on a hill there—there was some Regular Troops but cannot remember about them, that from Stony Point he was marched to Fishkill in Dutchess County and from thence to Poughkeepsie thence to Albany thence to Fort Plain on the German Flatts – from thence about 10 or 20 of us were selected from the company to drive some cattle from Fort Plain to Fort Stanwix for the use of the troops there lying.

That there was regular troops lying at Fort Stanwix but cannot remember under whose command they were from Fort Stanwix he returned to Fort Plain that at that place he was discharged that on his way home from Fort Plain there was about 50 of us. When at or about a mile from the fort he met a party of Indians when we immediately formed a rank and fired but upon discovering the enemy to amount to

several hundred we precipitately retreated to the fort and then the whole bridge sallied at in pairs into the enemy and followed them within seven miles of Oneida Lake—and again returned to the fort but cannot remember who was the commander in the fort.

That he was in the fort in Consequence of his return to the same for about 10 days more than his said 3 month service.

That to the Interrogatives prescribed by the War Department he answers to the first.

1st He was born in Shawangunk in the year 1763? On the first day of October.

2nd that his age is recorded in the Shawangunk Church.

3rd that at the time he was called in the service he lived at Shawangunk aforesaid had lived there from his birth continued there until 1811 and then removed to Warwarsing where he has resided.

4th That to each engagement he was always a volunteer.

5th That he has detailed as much as he remember that his memory is much affected that he is quite deaf—has not made his services a matter of preservation for a long period never expected to be interested in the particulars of said service that he will not surmise a guess upon oath.

6th that he never rec'd a written discharge from the service.

7th That he can prove his services in part by Conrad Bevier Esqr, & Jacobus Dewitt.

That as to his respectability he can prove the same by General John Jansen one of the judges and by Wm Dewitt of Shawangunk & the preceding evidences—that it was out of his power to get the minister of the church where he belonged to attend court. That at each term served as a private in the militia.

That he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state. (Signed) Abraham J. Terwilliger

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid. A. G. Hardenbergh, John Jansen, Abm A. Deyo, Judges. [September 11, 1832.]