

Pension Application for Jacob Tinkey or Tinckey

S.23025

State of New York

Rockland County SS.

On this twenty ninth day of October in the year AD 1832 personally appeared before me Peter D. W. Smith one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas [Pleas] in and for said County Jacob Tinkey a resident of the town of Ramapo in the county of Rockland and State of New York aged eighty eight years, the fourth day of April 1832 who be reason of bodily infirmity, is unable to appear In court, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the the [sic] following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress, passed June 7, 1832.

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

That in the latter part of the year 1775 or the beginning of the year 1776. He with many others of the Citizens of the then Prescint of Haverstraw, in the County of Orange, now town of Clarkstown and County of Rockland aforesaid, assembled themselves together and signed articles if confederation mutually pledging their effort to obtain the Independence of the United States of America. That he then belonged to a company of Militia whereof Hendrick Tenure was Capt. and Walter VanOrden and Thomas Blauvelt were Lieutenants in a regiment commanded by Col'n A. Hawkes Hay and early in the summer of the year 1776 the said company was ordered out on actual duty to guard along the west shoar [shore] of the Hudson river, and was stationed at different—places along the same in which company he served a great part of his time until the next year, when, in order that the duty of defending the county might more equally be born by all and that those that were the most willin [willing] might have some little rest, the Militia was divided in classes of four men to a class, and that each class should furnis [furnish] one one [sic] man to be continually out on duty, and it was usually the case that the class would relieve each other once a week in which manner If served in the aforesaid company until the close of the revolutionary war and during the aforesaid services they was stationed as a guard at different places from Snedens to Haverstraw, along the river, and a scouting through different parts of the now County of Rockland and the County of Bergen in the state of New Jersey to protect the inhabitants from the enemy, who were also continually either landing from the shiping [shipping] which lay In the Hudson river or marching out of New York plundering the inhabitants of everything that was of value and burning and destroying what they could not take with them and taking the inhabitants prisoners in which routs we had many small engagements with them.

And exclusive of his doing his duty in the said company as aforesaid he had to hold him self in rediness [readiness] (when at home) to march immediately whenever there was an alarm notice of which was generally made by firing guns which was repeated from one quart [quarter?] to and other [another] by which means it was general [generally] known in a short space of time and these alarms was very frequent during the years 76-77-78- & 79 in the years 80-81-82. There was considerable more

rest and they had to take their arms &c with them to their daily labour and to their religious meeting on the Saboth [Sabbath] that the first four years was little else than one continued scin [scene] of service. That positively to state the exact time he served during the said war is onto now in his power, but he can confidently declar [declare] that it exceeds two years.

That he has no documentary evidence of his services, and all the positive testimony he can offer of his services is some of the soldiers that served with him in the said war.

That he resided during the war and long after the end thereof, in the now town of Clarkstown then removed to New York, then back to Clarkstown and from thence to his present residence.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is onto on the pension roll of the agency of any state. (Signed with his mark) Jacob Tinkey

Sworn before me Peter D. W. Smith Judge.