

Pension Application for George Titlar

S.14697

Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of congress passed June 7th 1832.
State of New York
County of West Chester SS.

On this first day of August in the year one thousand eight hundred and thirty two personally appeared in open court before the Surrogate of the Surrogate Court of the said County of West Chester of the town of Mount Pleasant in the said County of West Chester and State of New York, aged seventy nine years, who being first 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 7 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated that is to say, he entered the said service as a volunteer about the last of March in the year one thousand seven hundred and seventy six (as near as the declarant can recollect,) in the militia of the State of New York for the term of three months and served in the company commanded by Captain James Smith (the name of the Colonel of the Regiment to which he was attached, he does not now recollect)

That at the time he entered the said service he resided in the County of Orange in the State of New York, that he served a part of the said term on Governor's Island in the State of New York, and the residue thereof in the City of New York where he was discharged at the expiration of the said three months. And the declarant further states that he again entered the service of the United States as a volunteer in the militia of the State of New York some time in the month of July (as near as this Declarant can recollect) in the year one thousand seven hundred and seventy six for the term of five months in the company commanded by the said Captain James Smith and was attached to the Regiment commanded by Colonel Nicholl.

That at the time of his entering the service for the said last mentioned tour he resided in the County of Orange in the State of New York, that he immediately joined the army somewhere in the neighborhood of Kings Bridge in the said County of West Chester, that he was quartered for some time in that vicinity; that from thence he marched with the American Army through the County of West Chester to the town of White Plains in said County and was with the army in the Battle at that place. That from thence he marched with the American Army to the northern part of the said County and finally went into winter quarters at Peekskill in said County at which place he was discharged at the expiration of said five months.

And the declarant further states that during the summer of the year one thousand seven hundred and seventy seven he resided in the County of Orange on banks of the Hudson River about thirty miles from the City of New York that he belonged at that time to a company of militia in that neighbourhood commanded by one Captain Bell. That two of the enemies ships—as near as he can recollect lay in the Hudson River in the bay of Tappan (on the west shore of which the Declarant then resided) for about one month and a half—that parties from said vessels were

frequently attempting to land, and that the declarant together with the militia of that place were obliged to be ready at a moments warning, and were almost constantly under arms during the time the enemies ships remained there, and the Declarant was frequently engaged in repelling the attempts of the enemy to land. But the Declarant states that he did not consider that he belonged to the army at that time, nor did he receive pay as he did during the said terms of three and five months.

And the declarant further states, that he was born in the year one thousand seven hundred and fifty three in Ireland. That he has no record of his age. That he came to this country in the fourth or fifth year of his age. That he resided in the said County of Orange at the times he entered the service as aforesaid.

That since the Revolutionary war he has resided a part of the time in the said County of Orange (now Rockland) and in the City of New York, and that he now resides and has for many years past resided in the County of West Chester.

That he entered the service at both periods hereinbefore mentioned as a volunteer. That he will not now undertake to state the names of any of the Continental or regular officers who were with the troops when he was in the service. That his service on Governors Island and in the City of New York was so early in the war that he thinks there could not have been any regular troops with them.

That in his second period of service he was with the army under Gen Washington during the greater part of the time but his memory is imperfect and he does not now recollect distinctly the names of any regular officers. That whether he received written discharges on leaving the service or not; he does not now recollect if he did, he has now no knowledge of them.

That he has no documentary evidence and that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service.

He hereby [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) George Titlar

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid before me Jonathan [?] Surrogate.

Letter in folder dated December 13, 1938, written in response to an inquiry.

Further reference is made to your letter of recent date, in which you requested the Revolutionary War record of George Titlar, of New York State, who as pensioned on account of his service.

You are furnished herein the record of George Titlar as shown in pension claim, S.14697, based upon his service in the Revolutionary War, the only one of that name under any spelling found in the pension records of that war.

George Titlar was born in 1753 in Ireland, and when four or five years of age came to this country. The names of his parents were not given.

While residing in that part of Orange (which later became Rockland) County, New York, George Titlar volunteered the last of March, 1776, and served three months as a private in Captain James Smith's company in the New York State troops. He

volunteered in July 1776, served five months as private in Captain James Smith's company, Colonel Nicholl's New York regiment, was in the battle of White Plains, wintered at Peekskill and was discharged at the expiration of the term for which he enlisted. He volunteered in the summer of 1777 and served one and one half months as private in Captain Bell's New York company engaged in preventing from landing of two British vessels which lay in Tappan Bay.

The soldier was allowed pension on his application executed August 1, 1832, while a resident of Mount Pleasant, Westchester County, New York. He was for many years a deacon in the Baptist Church in the Village of Sing Sing, New York. He died March 28, 1839.

It is onto show whether George Titlar ever married.