

Pension Application for Jonathan Tompkins

S.11562

State of New York

Ulster County SS.

Personally appeared before me, the undersigned, First Judge of Ulster County Courts &c Jonathan Tompkins who being duly sworn deposeth and saith that he is the identical Jonathan Tompkins named in and who made the declaration hereunto annexed.

That by reason of old age, and the consequent loss of memory, he cannot swear positively as to the precise time and length of his service, but according to the best of his recollection and belief, he served not less than the periods mentioned below and in the following grades.

1st For two months shortly after the declaration of Independence, commencing in the month of August 1776. I well recollect it was in the season of Green Corn, I served under Lieutenant John Westbrook, we were stationed most of the time at a piquet Fort around a Stone House, at Mamaking, then in the county of Ulster (now Sullivan) – other men were stationed along the frontier from Minisink in the County of Orange to Wawarsing in the County of Ulster—but under the command of whom I cannot recollect – I served at this time as a private soldier.

2d. For three months commencing shortly before harvest in the month of June 1777, I volunteered to serve this term at New Paltz in the said County of Ulster under Captain Abraham Deyo and Lieutenant John Hasbrouck from New Paltz as we marched through the County of Orange to the line of the State of New Jersey and lay at a place called the English Neighbourhood, near Tappaen—during this time the British had possession of the City of New York. I served this term as a private soldier.

3d For nine months, commencing on my return home from the above service about the first of October 1777—I volunteered to serve this term for the class to which I belonged in the militia, the other persons belonging to the Class made up money for me, I served said term under Captain John Percy, Lieutenant William Nottingham, and Col. Paulding, we marched to the Hudson River at New Paltz and were transported by water to Albany – from there we went to Saratoga and was there in the battle before the surrender of Burgoine. After Burgoine has surrendered, we marched in charge with several hundred British prisoners to Albany where we left them. We then marched down the river to Fort Montgomery in the Highlands, which had been taken by the British and nearly destroyed, from thence across the Creek to Fort Clinton were we lay the residue of the term until discharged. I served this term as a private soldier

4th For one month in the summer of 1778 under Captain Abraham Deyo for the Class to which I belonged, we lay at Wawarsing in the said County of Ulster, guarding the Indian Frontier—Anthony Yelverton was with me during said month. I served the same as a private soldier.

5th For 1 month in the fall of the year 1778 under Captain John A. Hardenburgh, guarding the Indian frontier as above mentioned, Jacob Wilklow, who

was a smart boy at this time nearly grown up was with me—I served said month, for my class as a private soldier.

6th For eight months commencing in April 1779—I volunteered to serve said term for a class of Militia at New Paltz aforesaid our company mustered at Naippenock under Captain Piercy and Col. Paulding from thence we marched to Lurenkill—the men were billeted out in small classes and stationed along to Indian frontier in the said County of Ulster—I think Wawarsing was burnt by the Indians during this term of service. I shall always remember what or time we had in pursuing the Indians through the woods after this event occurred—I served the whole of this term as a private soldier and was discharged at the house of Johannis Bevier a few days before Christmas. Jacob Wicklow was with me during said service.

7th For nine month commencing early in the spring of the year 1780, I volunteered to serve this term for a class at New Paltz aforesaid I served the same under Captain John Piercy in Col. Weisenveltd's Regiment and was stationed most of the time at John Longyears in Woodstock in the said County of Ulster, our company with others were billeted in classes along the Indian frontier at Woodstock and Shandaken in the said county of Ulster at the expiration of said term our company was embodied and discharged at the house of the said John Longyear. I served said term as a private soldier. Wilhelmus Kierstaead belonged to the same company with me in this service.

8th For nine months commencing early in the spring of the year 1781 I volunteered to serve for a class at New Paltz aforesaid and served said term under Captain Gilbert Livingston in Colonel Weisenvelts Regiment our company were stationed at Yaughknipplebush in the Town of Marbletown in said County of Ulster and billeted out with other in classes along on the Indian frontier through Shandaken, Woodstock, Marbletown and Rochester in said County—I served said term as a private soldier and was discharged at Stoney Ridge in Marbletown at the expiration thereof—Jacob Wilklow served me during said term.

9th For three months immediately after the last above mentioned service I volunteered to serve said term at Marbletown in said County of Ulster under Captain Charles Brodhead, in Col. Cantine's Regiment. We marched to Fishkill in the County of Dutchess where we lay during said term. At the expiration thereof I was discharged having served the same as a private soldier.

And this deponent further says that he claims a pension for the above mentioned services. That he always entered said service as a volunteer. He is known to Davie Wolley Esqr, and to Josiah Dubois, Benjamin VanWagenen Esqr, John Johnson, Anthony Yelverton, Wilhelmus Kierstead and others, residing in his neighborhood who can testify to his character for veracity and their believes [belief] of his services. (Signed with his mark) Jonathan Tompkins

Subscribed & Sworn August 11th 1833 before me. A. D. Soper, First Judge &c.

Letter in folder dated October 12, 1939, written in response to an inquiry.

Reference is made to your letter relative to Jonathan Tompkins, a soldier of the Revolutionary War.

The data contained herein were obtained from the Papers on file in the Revolutionary War pension claim, S.11562, based upon the military service in that war of Jonathan Tompkins.

Jonathan Tompkins was born in New Paltz, Ulster County, New York, in 1753, day, month and the names of his parents are not shown.

While a resident of New Paltz, New York, Jonathan Tompkins enlisted in August 1776, and served two months as private in Lieutenant John Westbrook's New York Company. He enlisted in June 1777, and served three months as private in Captain Abraham Deyo's New York Company. He enlisted October 1, 1777, served nine months as private in Captain J. Percy's Company, Colonel Pawling's New York Regiment and was in the battle of Stillwater and at the taking of Burgoyne at Saratoga. He enlisted in the summer of 1778, and served one month as private in Captain Abraham Deyo's New York Company. He enlisted in the fall of 1778, and served one month as private in Captain John A. Hardenbergh's Company, Colonel Pawling's New York Regiment. He enlisted in April 1779, and served eight months as private in Captain Percy's Company, Colonel Albert Pawling's New York Regiment. He enlisted in the spring of 1780, and served nine months as private in Captain J. Percy's Company, Colonel Weissenfels' New York Regiment. He enlisted in the spring of 1781, and served nine months as private in Captain Gilbert Livingston's Company, Colonel Weissenfels' New York Regiment. He then enlisted and served three months as private in Captain Charles Broedhead's Company, Colonel Cantine's New York Regiment.

He was allowed pension on his application executed September 11, 1832, at which time he was a resident of New Paltz, New York, where he had always lived.