

Pension Application for James Toms or Tombs

R.10635 (Widow: Lucina or Lucinda

State of New York

Cayuga County SS.

Personally appeared before me the undersigned a justice of the peace in and for said County, James Toms of Brutus in said County, who being duly sworn says that by reason of old age and the consequent loss of memory he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his services but according to his best recollection he served not less than the period mentioned below and in the following grade. For two years and one month I served as a private soldier and for such service I claim a pension—my first term of service commenced in May 1776 and continued until the middle of October 1777—when I was discharged and returned home.

Whilst at Fort George I was under the command of Capt Wendell—and Gen Gansevort who at that time commanded at said fort. When said fort was evacuated I was under the command of Gen Schuyler until Gen Gates took the command of the same. When Genl Gates took the command of the same, when Genl Gates took the command I served under him as his waiter until October aforesaid as stated in my said declaration.

During the spring, summer and fall of 1778 & 1779 as stated in my said declaration I served in the company of militia commanded by Capt. John Thompson & Lieut Josiah Benjamin in they Regiment commanded by Col Dickerson & William Diferank Andrus. I frequently served at other times in short tours but cannot now remember when said terms of service were performed they were generally in scouting parties. That during the aforesaid terms he served with an embodied corps called into service by competent authority—that he was all the time in the field or garrison, and for the time during which said services were performed he was not employed in any civil pursuit but was all the time in the service of his country—that he was during the remainder of the war most of the time engaged as a teamster but with his own team upon civil contracts for which he does not claim a pension.

That he was born in old Canaan in the County of Litchfield in the State of Connecticut 1755 as he believes and has no record of his age. (Signed with his mark)
James Toms

Sworn & Subscribed the 21 May AD 1833 before me, John Grover Justice of the Peace.