

Pension Application for Stephen Van Tassel, or Van Tassel, or Van Tassle

W.4365 (Widow: Elizabeth

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Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

State of New York

County of WestChester SS.

On this twenty fourth day of September, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty tow personally appeared in open Court before the court of Common Pleas in and for the County of WestChester in the State of New York, now sitting Stephen VanTassel a resident of the town of Somers in the said county aged seventy four 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 7th 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 private in the volunteer troop of the State of New York on or about the last of April or the first of May in the year one thousand seven hundred and seventy six at Tarrytown in the said County of WestChester for the term of nine months in the company of Volunteer troops commander by Captain Abraham Ladieu in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Thomas Thomas that he faithfully served said term in the County of WestChester aforesaid and was honorably discharged at White Plains in said County at the expiration of said term which was on or about the first of February in the hear one thousand seven hundred and seventy seven.

That at the time he entered the service as aforesaid he resided in said Tarrytown and immediately joined the said Company, which was raised in that neighborhood, and marched immediately to fort independence in the southern part of said County and was attached to said Regiment, and stationed at that fort, and worked upon it; that he was stationed there until about the beginning of the month of September following when he was marched to the town of White Plains in said County and was in the battle at that place in the left wing of the American Army near Chattertons hill.

After the Battle he was stationed on the lines in said County until the expiration of said term when he was discharged as aforesaid. That there was one other Regiment of militia at fort independence at the time he served there but he does not now recollect by whom it was commanded; that he knew some of the officers in the army at White Plains but that he does not now recollect their names except Generals Clinton and Washington.

That he again entered the service of the United States as a private in the volunteer troops of the State of New York some time in the spring of the year one thousand seven hundred and seventy seven in the company commanded by Captain Sybert Acker for the term of three months that he faithfully served said term in the said County of WestChester on the American lines and was honorably discharged at the expiration thereof that immediately after the expiration of said term he again

enlisted in the said company for the term of four months and was honorably discharged.

That he resided at Tarrytown at the lines he enlisted for the two last mentioned terms; that said company was considered as belonging to Lieutenant Colonel James Hammonds Regiment though the said company was composed of volunteers and was raised to serve on the lines in said County of West Chester the same being at that time exposed to the depredations of the enemy.

And the declarant further states he again entered the service of the United States in the volunteer troops of the state of New York in the month of October in the year one thousand seven hundred and seventy eight in the company commanded by Captain Daniel Williams for the term of three months. That at that time he resided in the said County of WestChester, that said company was a company of Rangers raised for the purpose of guarding the lines in said county of WestChester that he continued to serve in said company on the line in said County two months, when he being stationed at Youngs house in said County with said Company, they were attacked by the British and said Captain William was taken prisoner by them and some of the company killed, that said company did onto again organize until after the expiration of the time for which he enlisted.

And the declarant further states that he again entered the service of the United States some time in the month of June in the year one thousand seven hundred and seventy nine in the volunteer troops of the State of New York in the company commanded by Captain Gilbert Dean for the term of six months that he served said six months on the American lines in the said County and was at the expiration thereof honorably discharged in said County that said company was raised to serve on the lines in said County and was called a company of rangers.

And the declarant further states that he enlisted in the service of the United States in the month of March in the year one thousand seven hundred and eighty in the line of the State of New York on the Continental Establishment for the term of one year.

That he was stationed at Kings ferry in the County of WestChester under the command of Colonel [Hews?] of the Quartermasters department, that he does not now recollect the name of his Captain or any other of the officers at said Kings Ferry. That he continued in the service at that place one month when he obtained a furlough for three days, for the purpose of visiting his friends who resided in said County.

That while at home and before the expiration of his furlough to wit in the month of April 1780 he was taken prisoner by the British and carried to the city of New York and confined in the Sugar House in that City eleven months and five days when he was exchanged.

And the Declarant further states that he was born in the year 1758 in the County of WestChester. Has no record of his age; that he resided in the County aforesaid at the times he entered the service and has ever since the revolutionary war and now resides in said County. That he entered the service and served as a private as a volunteer. That he does not recollect the names of any of the officers with whom

he served other than those herein before mentioned. That he does not now recollect that he ever received a written discharge from the service; that he has no documentary evidence of his service; nor any other evidence thereof than that herewith transmitted; that the names of the persons to whom he is known in his present neighborhood and who can testify as to his character for veracity and their belief of his services as a soldier of the Revolution are Samuel Losee and Samuel Wilson.

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 with his mark) Stephen Van Tassel

Sworn to and subscribed this 24th day of September 1832 before me. N. Bayles,
Clerk

Letter in folder dated May 29, 1929, written in response to an inquiry.

I advise you from the papers in the Revolutionary War pension claim, W.4365, it appears that Stephen Van Tassel was born in 1755, in Westchester County, New York.

While a resident of Tarrytown, New York, he enlisted and served with the New York Troops as follows:

From April or May, 1776, nine months as a private in Captain Abraham Ladiou's Company in Colonel Thomas' Regiment, and was in the battle of White Plains from sometime in the spring of 1777, seven months as a private in Captain Sybert Acker's Company in Colonel James Hammond's Regiment; from October, 1778, two months in Captain Daniel William's Company; from June, 1779, six months in Captain Gilbert Dean's Company; he enlisted in March, 1780, in the Quartermaster Department under Colonel Hughes, and in April, 1780, he was captured and confined in the Sugar House in New York City, for eleven months and five days when he was exchanged.

He was allowed pension on his application executed September 24, 1832, at which time he was living in Somers, Westchester County, New York.

He died March 5, 1846, at Carman, New York.

The soldier married at Somers, New York, March 31, 1841, Mrs. Elizabeth Stephenson.

She was allowed pension on her application executed September 5, 1853, while a resident of Baltimore, Maryland, aged eighty years.

Her son John Stephenson, was forty eight years of age in 1853.

There are no further data relative to family.