

Pension Application for John T. Visscher or Vischer

S.28929

State of New York

Montgomery County SS

On the fifteenth day of September 1832 personally appeared before Thomas Ostrom, Esquire, a resident of the town of Glen in Montgomery County John T. Visscher, Esquire a resident of the town of Glen in said County and State aforesaid supposed to be Eighty seven years of age 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 he entered the general Hospital of the Northern Department in the City of Albany on the 8th day of August 1777 as appears by a Commission signed by Andrew Dow, Commissary to General Hospital bearing date the day & year aforesaid; and that the deponent served as assistant commissary from the date of his Commission for several years and he believes during the principal part of the War, but his memory has become very weak and cannot remember the number of years with any accuracy.

That during all the time this deponent continued in the Hospital as Assistant Commissary at Albany, he had span of Horses, wagon & hay & a Black man to manage them; which were constantly engaged in the public service in the commissary department. That some time in the Revolutionary War. This deponent recollects that he went to Canada with Baron Steuben on Public business, that he took his own span of Horses & the Baron rode one & this deponent the other. That they went from Albany to Lake George & from there to Montreal and from there down the River St. Lawrence one or two days ride: where he left Baron Steuben & then returned to Albany & Brought Back both of her Horses.

But this deponent cannot now remember what business Baron Steuben went upon—nor the occasion of his staying there, nor can he remember what year; nor whether it was the fore part of the war, or the latter part. And this deponent further saith. That “John Visscher Esquire” named in the Commission signed by Andrew Dow Commissary to the General Hospital is the same person as mentioned in the foregoing declaration; and that his name is truly written in a Commission signed by George Clinton governor of the Colony of New York bearing date the 17th April 1781 when in this deponent Reverend the appointment of First Lieutenant in Captain William Hams Company of Militia in Col. Abraham Cuyler’s Regiment in the County of Albany. But this deponent is unable from his loss of memory to detail the ordinary events of the war, with any correctness.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that her name is not on the pension roll of the agency of the state of the United States.

That this deponent cannot now remember the year that he was born, having no record of his age. He lived in Albany when he entered the service he enrolled that he

was called twenty years of age when he was married, and that he kept home in Albany & had several children when he entered the service but cannot remember how many.

This deponent has no recollection of Receiving a discharge from the Public Service by any kind of writing or otherwise. And is unable to detail any of the circumstances in relation to his service more than what is before related except he remembers that lived in Albany during the whole war & then removed from Albany to Montgomery County int he town of Florida near the Schoharie Creek and continued to live there until a few years since he moved to the town of Glen where he now resided.
(Signed) Jno T. Visccher

Subscribed & sworn to this 15th day of September 1832 before me. Thomas Ostrom Justice of the Peace.