

Pension Application for William Wells

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State of New York

Orange County SS

On this twelfth day of February 1833 personally appeared in open Court before the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in and for the County of orange being a Court of record now sitting, William Wells a resident of the Town of Minisink in the County of orange and State of New York aged seventy two years the thirteenth day of December last 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.

In the spring of one thousand seven hundred and seventy six (the exact month he cannot recollect) he entered the service of the United States as a private in a company of Militia commanded by Captain David Sweeny at Goshen in the County of Orange and State aforesaid the company belonged to Col. Benjamin Turtin's Regiment one Hatfield was Major (whose first name this applicant cannot recollect) his first term of duty he volunteered as waiter for said Captain Sweeny and was taken him and his company to Ramapo in New Jersey and from thence up the Hudson River to Nyack and stayed one month and returned home and soon after he was again called out in the same company and as a private to Fort Montgomery and stayed two months and returned home he was next called to Peenpack in Orange County to protect the frontiers against the Indians and served two terms of three months each term under Captain Sweeny he was then taken to Minisink on the frontiers and served two months and then returned home to Goshen he was called and went under Captain John Wood to Fort Clinton and served three months, while he served at Fort Clinton Gen. George Clinton, Genl James Clinton Colo McGlaughlean and Major Logan were all there, he served at West Point one month. He served one month on the Guard Guarding the Court house in Goshen while Claudus Smith was confined there (who was afterwards hung) this applicant[t] is positive that he served eighteen months for the United States during the Revolutionary War—and he thinks more than two years, his services were all in the Militia as a volunteer or called in the company to which he belonged and that he always went when called on and that his services were chiefly as a precisely he was a Corporal and a Sergeant a part of the time, but cannot say how long he served in either capacity, that he has no documentary evidence of his services never received any discharge he thinks he can prove his services by Capt David Sweeny under whom he served who now resides in Wallkill in Orange County and who appears too ill to attend court this applicant says he was in no battles during the war, he was relieved at Fort Montgomery and marched from the fort the night previous to its being taken by the [?] he does not recollect any offices of the regular army except those before named, he says he was born in Goshen in the County of Orange in 1760 and lived there until 1800 he has a record of his age taken from his parents bible. He

lived in Goshen when called into service and in 1800 he moved to Minisink, in same County where he hath ever resided.

He is acquainted with many persons in his neighborhood. Hon Samuel Seward, Hon. John Hallock Jr. and Hon Samuel J. Wilkins now in Congress whom he believes would testify to his good character for truth and veracity.

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

And he further says that Thomas Wright whose affidavit he has procured is unable to attend court by being hurt as he states in his affidavit hereto annexed and he further says he now recollects a Col. Newkirk and a Col. Kentine officers of the regular army. (Signed) William Wells

Subscribed & sworn the 12th day of Feby 1832 before me. Asa Dunning, Clerk