

Pension Application for James Winchel

S.14854

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

State of New York

Ulster County SS

On the eleventh day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty two personally appeared in open court before the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in and for Ulster County being a court of Record for said County, proceeding according to the course of Common Law, with a Jurisdiction unlimited in point of amount, and keeping a record of their proceedings, having a clerk and seal of there now, James Winchel a resident of the town of Olive in the County of Ulster aged seventy nine years, who being duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain he benefit of the act of Congress passed the second day of June 1832.

That he entered the service of the United Sates under the following named officers and served as herein stated. To Wit.

That in the month of February in the year 1775 he volunteered in the militia service of the State of New York in the Revolutionary war as minuteman in the company of Captain Hay Ray Lieutenants Daniel Wilson & Nathaniel Mead Ensign Phineas Rice, for one year, and was chosen Corporal and served as such Corporal under the direction of the Committee of Safty [Safety] in patrolling the country and bringing the Enemy (Consisting of Tories) before said committee, land continued to Serve in Such Service as Such Corporal untill some time in the month of February following (1776) and was then discharged. The above company was under the command of Colonel Cornelius Humphrey—and belonging to his regiment and was stationed in the County of Dutchess.

And this applicant further declares that in the month of February in the year 1776 immediately after the above said service, he was ordered out to the City of New York under the above named officers viz Captain Huy Ray Lieutenants Daniel Wilson & Nathaniel Mead, Ensign Phineas Rice in Colonel Cornelius Humphrey's Regiment for three months and served in the capacity of Sergeant, four weeks of the time he was employed in pulling down the old Fort and building Batteries in the said City of New York and marched from there to a place called Horn Hook opposite Hurlgate, and continued there untill about the first of May following and was then there discharged.

And this applicant further declares that in the Summer of the year 1776 he was drafted in the said service in the company under the command of Captain John Rouse—for Four weeks and was stationed at Kingsbridge & continued there for the full term of four weeks and was then duly discharged.

And he further declares that he served a short time in subduing a party of Three hundred Tories headed by Col. Barker in the Great Nine Partners.

And this applicant further declares that in the month of October in the year 1776 he again volunteered in said service as aforesaid in the Company of Captain

Eben Husted for three months and was Stationed at Fort Constitution, and continued there in said service until sometime in January following and was then there discharged—said company belonged to the Regiment under the command of Colonel Bailey Lieut Colonel Roswell Hopkins.

And this applicant further declares that in the month of February in the Year 1777 he again volunteered in s'd service as aforesaid in the Company of Capt John Rouse in the Regiment under the Command of Major Wynkoop for Two Weeks – in number forty five in Livingston Manor Columbia County and placed them prisoners on board of shipping then lying at Kingston Landing.

And this applicant further declares that about the first of March in the year 1777 he again volunteered as Sergeant in said Service as aforesaid in the company of Captain John Rouse in Colonel Morris Graham's Regiment for Five Months, went to White Plains and continued there until about the first of June following and then marched to Peekskill, and was there attached to Captain Elijah Hendricks Company, Lieutenant Zopher Weeks and continued there until about the first of August following and was then there discharged.

And this applicant further declares that some time in the month of August in the year 1777 he again volunteered in said service as aforesaid in the Company of Captain John Rouse in Colonel Graham's Regiment for Three months marched to Van Schaick's Island when he and the said Company remained until ;they received orders to march to Bemus's Heights at Saratoga and continued there until some time in the month of November following and was then there discharged.

And this applicant further declares that in the month of January in the year 1778 he again Volunteered to go to Canada as a conductor of Teamsters went as far as Albany where he continued six weeks Superintending the drawing of Wood rom Half Moon to Albany aforesaid for the use of the Army and Hospital where he after the full term of six weeks he as then there discharged.

And this applicant further declares that the last of May or first of June in the Year 1778 he entered the said service of the State of New York in the company of Capt Andrew Heermance, was stationed at West Point building Fortifications and continued to the best of his Recollection about six weeks and was then there discharged.

And this applicant further declares that in the year 1779 he was called out on an alarm in said Service to Fishkill and continued there about two weeks and was then discharged.

And he further declares that in the year 1780 he was again called out on an alarm for about Ten days and was stationed at Fishkill aforesaid and was then there discharged. And he further declares that about the last of June in the year 2780 he was again called out on an alarm (generally called the great alarm) and was stationed at Peekskill Hollow—and continued there in said service of three weeks or more and was then duly discharged.

And this applicant further declares that in the later part of the year 1780 or beginning of 1781 he was drafted in the same Service as aforesaid for three months

and was stationed at White Plains, and continued there until duly discharged—he does not recollect any of the officers in this last campaign.

And in answer to the first Interrogatory he says

1. That he was born in the town of Amenia Dutchess County the 18th day of February 1753.
2. That he has no Record of his age.
3. That he lived at Northeast Dutchess County, in the year 1784 moved to Marbletown (now Olive) Ulster County, and do now live there.
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5. That he was sent with a paper from New York to Genl Lee, saw Genl Washington at Fort Constitution in 1776. Saw Genl's Putnam at Peekskill, Genl Gates at Stillwater in 1777. L Saw Colonels VanKortandt [Courtlandt] & Livingston.
6. That he never had a written discharge that he recollects.
7. [blank]

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatsoever to a Pension or Annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency in any State. (Signed) James Winchel

Sworn to and Subscribed the day and year aforesaid A. D. Soper, First Judge, A. G. Hardenbergh, John Jansen, Abm A. Deyo. Judges.

Letter in folder dated September 2, 1937, written in response to an inquiry.

Reference is made to your letter in which you request the Revolutionary War records of Cornelius Krum, of Ulster County, New York, and James Winchell, of Dutchess County, New York, who died in Ulster County.

There is no claim for pension or bounty land on file based upon the Military service in the Revolutionary War of a Cornelius Krum or similar spelling. Such claims are the source of the data furnished by this office. You are furnished herein the record of James Winchel, the data for which were obtained from the papers on file in Revolutionary War pension claim, S.14854, based upon his military service in that war.

James Winchel was born February 18, 1753 in Amenia, Dutchess County, New York. The names of his parents are not shown.

While a resident of Northeast, Dutchess County, New York, James Winchel volunteered in February, 1775, and served until in 1781, at various times on short tours, three months as private, two months as corporal, and one year, eight months and sixteen days as sergeant in the New York troops under Captains Hugh Rea, John Rouse, Eben, Husted, Elijah Hendrick (evidently meant for Herrick), Andrew Heermans or Heermance, Major Wynkoop, Colonels Cornelius Humphrey, Bailey and Morris Graham. His service was all rendered as a volunteer and consisted in patrolling the county against the Tories, building fortifications, and on one tour of three months, he served as Conductor of Teams and superintended the bringing of wood to Albany. He was in one small engagement with the Tories at Nine Partners.

In 1784, he moved to Marbletown (Later Olive) Ulster County, New York, where he was living when he was allowed pension on his application executed September 11, 1832.

James Winchel died May 3, 1840, place not stated.

There are no data as to soldier's family.