

Pension Application for Samuel Winegar

R.11705 (This is nearly impossible to read, no guarantees here.) The place he resides in is not very legible, it looks as if he calls it Fort Town. Maybe Fort Ann?

State of New York

County of Washington SS

On this twenty eight day of May 1833, personally appeared in open court before us the Judges of the court of Washington Comm. Pleas now sitting Samuel Winegar resident of the town of [Post?] town in the County of Washington and State of New York aged sixty nine years on the twenty seventh day of March last past 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 while he lived in the town of Schaghticoke County of Rensselaer & State of New York and in the latter part of May A.D. 1778 he volunteered and entered the service in a Company of Rangers of New York State Troops commanded by Capt Depure, Lieut John Funday, he thinks there was no Ensign, that John Hogol was the first Sergeant and sometimes he acted as the Ensign for the term of one year.

That he marched to Tappan-kill where he was stationed as a Guard and was employed [employed in ranging through the woods and sent out in small scouting parties whenever it became necessary to discover the enemy and defend the inhabitants from the ravages of the Indians and Tories. That he went to [?] and at one time he was sent to one Michael Cook's whose house had been robbed of all its affects by the Tories found him & family destitute of everything except their clothes they had on from thence he pursued the enemy to Leonard Wagers who was suspected to be a Tory & made diligent search for them thence he went into a neighborhood that that were called Tories particularly to Peter Hewing, Thomas Royal, John Youngs thence through the woods found their [?] in which travel[?] and com to where they had encamped in the woods in and about which he found horse [?] – Ox chains and other farming utensils & wearing apparel, bed & building &c which had been stolen by the enemy he took said property to one Haners in the core of the Town committee who distributed them to the armies.

That he was engaged in scouting and ranging in the woods from river to place [?] out the Indians & Tories as they were constantly committing their depredations until in December thinks the 20th when he was marched to Schaghticoke with a part of the company which then went west to Albany for winter quarters when remained as a guard untill in the month of April thence he was marched to New City now Lansingburgh by the order of Stuffer Tilman one of the town committee and by the directions & command of Genl Livingston who commanded the movements in that region of all the troops, that all the Town committee assembled also after which he was marched to John Hayners on the Hoosack road where he was stationed & was detached and sent out in small parties against the enemy Indians and Tories who were committing their Robberies taking cattle calves stock fowls bedding and wearing

apparel and many other things that he continued thus engaged until in the month of May A.D. 1779 when his time of engagement expired for one year—but as there were lurking in the woods an enemy it was considered improper to have the Inhabitants without protection – he was solicited to continue and remain in the service he with several others volunteered to continue until the fall when the enemy would retire probable [probably] to Canada Several left and went home while there were new recruits he was under the same officers as first above mentioned and employed and sent out in scouting parties and in one of his tours he came into a very dark hollow grown up with small timber and thick brush on unfrequented place one mile he thinks from [??] or dwelling house and entering into its center he found by the appearance it was occupied by human beings for there were strips of strips of bark fastened from one tree to another in such a manner as to make slats also he discovered bones of almost every kind of Animal strewn about and fresh human tracks [tracks] although he saw no individual except than with him yet he believed it a place for; the retreat of the enemy.

That he was afterwards sent there but it had been evacuated no more signs to have been the Indians and Tories left for some other.

That some time after this one of the inhabitants named John Bleeker was taken prisoner by the enemy two days after he was detached with a party and sent in pursuit of them. He found a boy who had seen a party of Indians pass through the wood[s] having one white man pursued and was led by a rope with one man behind with a tomahawk he went with the said boy to the place and found their footsteps in wet places he pursued them through the woods to he thinks Pittstown now called when he discovered two men came up to them and found the said John Bleeker under the charge of one John Barrackman who had [?] the enemy and was going to Canada he had the tomahawk and followed after Bleeker he made him prisoner he this declarant was informed by Bleeker that a few minutes before he saw the Indians were dismounted and very suddenly left them that he would not account for it at the time but was of the opinion they saw the declarant & party that [?] seven of the Indians or Tories had pursued them until he was satisfied they were gone beyond his reach. That he took Barrackman to Lansingburgh as it is now called from thence he took him to Albany and he was imprisoned land he returned.

That sometime in August he was sent out on the information that Esick Mosham the Capt of the party of Indians and Tories was in a certain house he went and his party surrendered the said house—he Mosham came out and ran to make his escape and as he was getting over the fence was fired upon and wounded in the back and legs with ball and buckshot on looking for him he had [?] into the woods near the pines he had taken a watch from one of the inhabitants which he hid under the [?] which was head while looking for him he was found and taken to Albany was tried and condemned as a Tory commanding the enemy and he died of his wounds in prison.

After the said Mosham was taken the Indians and Tories left those posts and then appeared no more or longer necessity of remaining there with the troops he recovered until the latter part of August when he was discharged by parole.

This declarant further saith he served and did his duty faithfully fifteen months as a Private soldier for which he claims a pension.

That there were no other troops in the service during this campaign that he was acquainted with. This deponent further saith he was well acquainted with the woods in those parts and was sent out continually with the Scouting parties sometimes a s guide or conductor. That they were under the command of Gen Scuyler [Schuyler]. That he while and during the campaign too upon suspicion of being Tories Herman Doty, Benjn Kitcham, John Wetherwax, David Wetherwas, Jacob Tipperly and several others and marched them to Albany for examination some was fined some was acquitted others dealt with according to the rules & articles of war at the time.

That he has no documentary evidence and that he know of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service. That there is no clergyman living in his neighborhood to whom he ks known who can testify as required by the [?]

That he is known in the neighborhood where he lives to John Casbury, Colbins Hitchcock, Reuben Ferr, John Hulleberl, Israel Lamb, John Sommers, George Clark, Benjamin Copeland and several others who can testify to his character as his character as a soldier of the Revolution.

1. That he was born [in] Oblong County of Dutchess & State of New York in the year of 1764.
2. That there is no record of his age he had it recorded in his Family Bible which was burnt up in his house some years ago.
3. That he lived in the town of Schaghticoke county of Renslair and State of New York when he was called into the service and since the Revolutionary War he has lived in Schaghticoke aforesaid in the town of Shaftsbury and in the town of [?] town where he has lived forty found year and where he now lives.
4. That when he entered the service he volunteered.
5. That he cannot more distinctly recollect the circumstances of his service than he has detailed in his declaration.
6. That he never received a written discharge.
7. That he is know in the neighborhood where he resides to John Crosbery, Collins Hitcock, Reube Farr, John Hillebest, Israel Lamb, John Simmons, George Clark, Benjamin Casseland and several others who can testify as to his character for veracity and their belief of his services as a soldier of the revolution.

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 or territory;. (Signed) Samuel Winegar

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid. J. S. Leigh Clk