

STATE OF VERMONT, }
RUTLAND COUNTY, SS. }

On this ~~ten~~ day of August A. D. 1832, personally appeared in open Court before the Judge of the Probate Court of Fairhaven District now sitting, Jacob Thomas a resident of the County of Rutland and State of Vermont, aged 74 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 7, 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers, and served as herein stated. That, in September 1777 he lived in Kinderhook, New York, and in said month the militia in the vicinity where he lived, were ordered into service; - that he was then subject to military duty; that he was attached to Capt John Philips company of militia, and according to orders, the company was marched from said Kinderhook to Fort Edward on the north river, and staid at Fort Edward four weeks or more; that it was six weeks from the time he first set out for Fort Edward before he was dismissed, during which time he was in service as a New York militiaman; - that Col. Abraham Van Alstein then of Kinderhook, commanded the company to which he was attached; that he resided in Kinderhook when he entered the service on the above named tour; - that the name of his lieutenant was Selton Saut; - Ensign, Philip Woolpam; - that he thinks that Genl. Schuyler commanded at Fort Edward when he was there; - that according to his best recollection he was ordered out on a tour of militia duty in the spring of 1777; that he well recollects the tour, but cannot be particular as to the season of the year; - that he well remembers that the militia, where he then lived, were ordered out under Col. Van Alstein, and the same company officers as in the tour above named; that he then lived at Kinderhook, - was marched through Albany, Schenectady and thence up the Mohawk river to Sunday or a name like it, and was there about five weeks; that he was absent from the time he commenced this tour till he was discharged about six weeks; that in the spring of 1778, there was a call for men for the service; - the militia were classed, and each class furnished a man; - these men were wanted for nine months service; - the class this applicant was in agreed with him to go, and, under this engagement, he entered the service under Capt Isaac Bogert at Schoharie; that Lieut. Harper and ensign Pratt were attached to the same company; - the regiment, to which he was attached, was commanded by Col. Harper; Major Hughes was in the same Regt; - they were at Schoharie upper fort from spring till the next fall; - that he should think it was in about 1778, same year they were ordered to Fort Stanwix, on our way up the Mohawk the land force and the batteaux kept near together; they arrived at Fort Schuyler where the city of Utica now is, and in the night a friendly Indian came from Fort Stanwix, and informed Major Hughes, who commanded us, that the Indians to the number of two hundred were lying in ambush to attack the batteaux on their passage up; - the next morning the regiment and batteau men were paraded, and arrangements were made to attack them; - the Regt and batteaux kept about even pace; about the middle of the day, they discovered the Indians and designed to secure them between the Regt and the river; a large Indian appeared near the edge of the bushes, and, when raising his gun to fire, was shot down; - upon this several shots were made at us from the bushes, and that he thinks they were returned a little better than they were giving; - the Indians discovering their situation, immediately commenced yelling, and fording the river; - before this time the Regt had no apprehension that it was fordable; - the Regt took seventeen Indian guns, and other