

Pension Application for Michael G. Kuraw or Kuraw

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State of New York

Greene County SS.

On the fourth day of December in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy seven personally appeared before me Michael G. Kuraw of the Town of Windham in the County of Green and State of New York aged seventy two who being by me first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provisions made by the late Act of Congress entitled an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the Land and Naval Service of the United States in the Revolutionary War that he the said Michael G. Kuraw, on some of the last days of April or on the first day of May in the year one Thousand seven hundred and Seventy eight at the City of Albany in the County of Albany and State of New York enlisted a soldier in Captain Silas Grays Company in Colonel Livingston's Regiment fourth Batallion New York line and in the Continental Establishment and that he Continued to serve is the said Company and regiment until the fifth day of February in the next year being nine months and more on which day he received an Honorable discharge from Colonel Renere. If he rightly remembers his name as Fort Plank on the Mohawk River in the State of New York.

And the said Michael further swears that he is now in reduced circumstances and that he has not worth once cent in which either real or personal property save a bed to be on and his every day clouthing [sic] and realy [really] stands in need of the aide and assistance of his country for support.

And the said Michael G. Kuran further swears that he reason and the truly reason why he has made an earlier application to the board of war for a pension & was this that he never knew that there was a provision made by Congress for nine months men untill he was so informed by the Honorable Isaac Williams Esquire formerly Member of Congress and on this Information he immediately made his application which application has been sent on to the Board of war some years ago.

And the said Michael G. Kuran further swears that sometime in the year 1807 or 1808 he purchased a Land possession of nineteen acres of land of one Peter Burhite of Middlefield in the County of Otsego in the aforesaid state being a part of Lott number thirty five in John Bowers patent for which he agreed to give him sixty four dollars in the year 1808.

In the year 1808 or 9—My eldest son John who was then nineteen and having wanted me to purchases the remainder of the Lott so leased I then informed my son that should I do it I never should be able to pay one cent for it my son then replied that if I would go and purchase it that he would let himself out by and purchased the place and agreed to pay for it \$375 payable in six years this was sixty nine acres of this leased land in adition [addition] to this here was nineteen dollars for rent for year to pay to the Landlord and thirty seven cents interest to pay annually and my son went out to work by the month and year and paid for the Land himself after he was twenty two years old except a little I paid myself I afterwards assigned the lease over to

him I owed my son money to laboring for me by the year which I promised to pay them but there was no written contracts between us of any name or nature only verbally between father and son and I honestly and legally owed them some hundred dollars for their services—they paid more than one hundred dollars to pay my doctors, bill my wife before she died lay for more than one year languishing on a sick bed unable to help ;himself had to be helped out of one bed or another and they were the great support of the family the leased possession of nineteen acres I assigned over to my other son for his two years labour that performed for me after he was of age and thirty dollars that he paid for [?] my wife. My wife was sick for more than four years and they were the great support as I was very cold feeble and poor partly blind and a cripple and was not able to do but little to support my family all this I most solemnly swear was not done with any & in whatever to help me to get a pension reference may be had to the leases and assignment he had the said Michael G. Kuraw further swears that after the Letter commendation from Mr. Edwards to Reuben Hosford Esqr agreeable to his directions I traveled on [???] counties almost blind very old and feeble to Otsego County after the copies of the Leases and some other papers all this for [???] Performed on my feet and crutches in six weeks the said Michael further swears that those papers made mention of one Mr. Edwards Letter are not in the possession of either of the Two Honorable Gentleman Messr Startweather or Angel as he informed me they say they would have been lost as they have not them and
[This document is really not very legible and the man rambles on and on.]