

Pension Application for John J. Blauvelt or John I.

S.22649

State of New York

Rockland County SS.

On this twenty eight day of November in the year A.D. 1832, personally appeared in open court before the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas, now sitting John J. Blauvelt, a resident of the town of Clarkstown in the county of Rockland and state of New York aged eighty years, the sixth day of March 1832, personally appeared in open court before the Judges of the court of Common Pleas, now sitting John J. Blauvelt, a resident of the town of Clarkstown in the County of Rockland and State of New York, aged eighty years, the sixth day of March 1832, 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 he belonged to a company of Militia commanded by Capt. Hendrick Tenure, Walter VanOrden and Thomas Blauvelt were Lieut in a Regiment commanded by Col A. Hawkes Hay, and in the year 1776 about the latter part of August or first of September, the British army having taken possession of the City of New York and their shipping having sailed up the North river, the aforesaid company was ordered out to guard the west shoar of the Hudson River and he went with the company and served in guarding as aforesaid and was out nearly the whole of the time until the next spring when, in order that all that was able to do duty should be obliged to take part in the war, the Militia was ordered to class themselves in class of four and that one man out of every class should be out on guard or to scout through different parts of the county of Bergen, and serve one week when he was to be relieved by another man out of the class, in which manner I served until the close of the Revolutionary war, and they had to guard along the river to prevent as far as possible the enemy from landing to plunder burn and destroy and a scouting through different parts of the now county of Rockland and the county of Bergen in the State of New Jersey and exclusive of the aforesaid duty he was ordered to hold himself in readiness to march at a minutes warning when ever there was an alarm, which was very often for whenever the enemy came out in large bodies those of the guard that did first discover them would give the alarm by firing guns which was repeated by the next and so continued by which means the intelligence was given for many miles in a few minutes and all there were at home had to march to assist in driving them off and they then joined the first company them met with, under different officers at different alarms, and some of their excursions would last for eight and sometimes ten days, before the[y] got home again.

That the time he served his country, putting all his services together he is now unable correctly to state but he is enabled and can confidently declare that it exceeds two years. That he has always resided in the now town of Clarkstown aforesaid.

That he has no documentary evidence of his services, and all the positive testimony he can offer is some of the surviving soldiers of the Revolutionary War.

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. (Signed) John J. Blauvelt
Sworn to and subscribed, the day and year aforesaid in open court. David Pye, Clerk.