

Pension Application for John C. Brink

W.20755 (Catharina Hommel) Married April 28, 1782, in the town of Saugerties by Reverend Mr. Deronde, Protestant Dutch Reformed Church. John died June 30, 1843 in the Town of Kingston. Declaration of John C. Brink, in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress of the 7th June 1832. State of New York
Ulster County SS.

On this seventh 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 of the County of Ulster aforesaid now sitting John C. Brink a resident of the town of Kingston in said County aged seventy years & upwards who being first duly sworn according to law doth on oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed 7th June 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein after stated & set forth.

That in the spring of the year 1798 in the month of March or April he enlisted as Volunteer in the Company of Militia commanded by Captain Hunter in the regiment whereof Albert Pawling was Colonel for the term of nine months and that he truly & faithfully performed the said nine months service in the manner following. That very soon after his enlistment in the said company at Kingston in the said county of Ulster he marched with the said company then under command of Lieutenant Levi DeWitt to Shandakan in the said County of Ulster, where the said company remained as he thinks about two months to watch the Indians in that quarter of the Country. That from thence he marched with his company to Fishkill in the County of Dutchess and after remaining there a short period he was ordered with the company to Stony Point on the Hudson where this deponent remained in the service under said enlistment until the expiration of the said nine months.

That several persons are now living in this county who served with him during the said nine months, among whom are Solomon Scott, Samuel Post and this deponent's brother Adam Brink and others whom he cannot now recollect, the testimony of whom or some or one of them he hopes to be able to obtain in corroboration of this his declaration.

And this deponent further says that in the year 1781 this deponent then living in the town of Kingston aforesaid, he was drafted in a company of Militia commanded by Captain Livingston in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Albert Pawling. That this deponent served under this draft in said company with service of the country for the term of eight months being employed all that time under said draft along the frontier in Shandakan & that he guarded of country to protect the settlement from incursions of Tories & hostile Indians & that he was regularly discharged at the expiration of period of service.

And this deponent further saith that in the year 1780 he again entered the service of the country by enlisting in the company commanded by Henry Pawling as captain in Colonel Wessengfelt's Regiment of the New York Militia and served under said enlistment for the term of eight or nine months along the Indian frontier in the County & the neighbouring Country, and was regularly discharged at the expiration of his said term of enlistment at Kingston aforesaid by Col. Pawling.

And this deponent further says that in the year 1781 in the fall he was drafted to served in the company commanded by Derick Westbrook as Captain and actually served in said company for the term of three months in the Western and South Western parts of this County and was regularly discharged by Col. Cantine at Stone Ridge in said County after the expiration of said period of three months.

And this deponent further saith that he has no documentary evidence of his services as herein set forth and that he at no time received to the best of his recollection and belief a written discharge from service at the expiration of either of the terms of service herein before set forth.

And this deponent further saith that he has always resided at Kingston and said County of Ulster from his birth to this day and that he hopes & expects to be able to prove the services herein set forth, by the oath of some of his surviving comrades of that period—

And this deponent further says that he is illiterate & far advanced in years, and that possibly he may at this distant period have mistaken the dates of the service; or some of them herein mentioned but he positively swears that all the services herein set forth have been performed about the dates mentioned.

And this deponent 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 any agency in any state.

And this deponent further saith that he is well acquainted with Rev'd John Gosman & Henry H. Schoonmaker of Kingston in said county who can testify to his character & that he has no record of his age. (Signed with his mark) John C. Brink.

Sworn before us in open court. A. G. Hardenbergh, John Hansen, Abm. A. Deyo, Judges