

Pension Application for John Bristol

R.1219

Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress of June 7, 1832.

Form for State Troops, &c.

State of New York

County of Rensselaer SS.

On this twelfth day of September 1837 personally appeared in open court before David Gleason, Cyrus D. Sheldon & Henry V. M. [?] Justices of the Troy Justices Court now sitting, John Bristol now a resident of the City of Troy & County of Rensselaer and State of New York, aged seventy eight 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, To wit,

That in the year 1776 deponent resided in what is now called Sand Lake in the County of Rensselaer, that he resided then in the month of August or September volunteered under Captain Williams & Lieutenant or Ensign Staats, were mustered at Albany & here put on board a vessel & went to the highlands and one stationed at Fort Constitution while at that place was engaged in improving the State of defense of the Garrison remained there over two months was then discharged.

The next spring in the month of May 1777 he was again called out under Lieutenant Breese was mustered and marched to Saratoga & Fort Edward and remained at that place until they marched to lake George & they stayed some time, then marched back again to Fort Edward, there was also a subaltern officer in command whose name was Jonathan or John Ostrander—The major's name was VanBuren, they remained in service until the retreat of General Schuyler when they arrived at Schuyler in Stillwater after being out three months & was then discharged was again out in 1778, entered the service in the month of May under Captain Turner, the names of the subaltern's officers does not now recollect was in Robert VanRensselaer's Battalion or Regiment went up the Mohawk to Fort Plain, Johnstown and other places remained out three months—was out in the year 1779, was called out five or six times was out from one 4 weeks at a time in the whole not less than three months that year.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity, except the present, and he declares that his name if not on the pension roll of the agency of any state. (Signed) John Bristol

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid. Geo. Wheeler, Clerk