

Pension Application for John Carhartt

W.16895 (Widow: Hannah) Married in White Plains in 1772. John died Feb 6, 1836.

State of New York

County of Chenango SS.

On this ninth day of October 1832 personally appeared in open court before the judges of the Court of Common Pleas in and for the County of Chenango and State of New York now sitting John Carhartt a resident of the town of Oxford in the County and State aforesaid aged 79 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 7th 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States, under the following named officers and served as herein stated.

1777 one month & one half month.

That he, in the year 1777, volunteered and enlisted in Captain Andrew Brown, Lieutenant Samuel Haight, Ensign Dubishuen, Orderly Sergeant Isaac Tidd's Company of New York State Militia, [Militia] in Colonel Samuel Drakes, Lt Colonel John Drake, and Major Dellivans Regiment, that the company of which he was a member stood ready to be called out at a moment's warning, that when he enlisted he lived at Cortland's Manor and that in the months of August and September, he was out in active service at Peekskill, 8 miles from Cortlands manor, for the term of one month and one half month, that he with the company were in camps at Peekskill, land that when at Peekskill the enemy came up the river in a man of war to plunder the country.

1778, 1 month and 3 weeks.

That in the summer of 1778, he and the company were out at Peekskill five times and that they were out at least one month and three weeks and in active service at Peekskill during the summer of 1778, and with the company under the officers aforesaid.

1779—at Kings Ferry 2 ½ months. At Peekskill 2 months = 4 ½ months.

That on or about the 15th February 1779 he with the company marched from Cortlands manor to Kings ferry and there he remaining with the company aforesaid until about the 1st of May 1779 keeping guard and that Colonel Govion (a Frenchman) was with them at Kingsberry and he was there in active service two and one half months.—That he in the summer and fall of this same year was out with the company and officers aforesaid at Peekskill in six alarms and that the time he was out in active service in the summer and fall of 1779 amounts to more than two months.

1780 at Peekskill 2 months. At Crum Pond 1 month 10 days = 3 months 10 days.

That he with the company and officers aforesaid was out at Peekskill in the spring, summer and fall of 1780 seven different times—and that they were out during those times at least two months—that he with the company and officers aforesaid on or about the 1st of November 1780 marched to Crum Pond 4 or 5 miles from Peekskill and there he remained with the company keeping guard until on or about the 10th of December when he returned home.

1782, 2 weeks.

That in December 1782 several members of the company aforesaid went to North Salem 6 miles distant and he went with them to guard a young man by the name of Smith, who had been taken enlisting men for the enemy, and he and the soldiers of his company were called out to guard him, lest the mob should carry off the young man, after there remaining two weeks, he with the rest of the company were discharged and the young man was sent to Pokeepsie [Poughkeepsie] to be tried for his life and he afterwards understood that the young man was reprieved.

Although he cannot recollect the day of the month when he went into service during all of the engagements, but he did serve with the company and officers aforesaid for the whole time as is above set forth.

That he has no documentary evidence and that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure, who can testify to his service.

To the first interrogatory prescribed by the War Department, he answers that he was born at Rye in the State of New York on the 15th of December 1752.

To the second answers that he has no record of his age.

To the third answers, that he lived at Cortlands when called into service 8 miles east of Peekskill, after the Revolution he moved to Bedford where he lived eight years, from thence he moved to Montgomerytown in Ulster County where he lived 19 years and from thence he moved to Oxford in Chenango County where he has since lived and now lives.

To the fourth answer, the he always volunteered his services as a soldier and that he never was a substitute.

To the fifth answers, that Colonel Drake and Gavion were Regular Officers with the troops where he served, and that he recollects no Regiment except the one with which he served, and that he recollects no Regiment except the one with which he served, and that the general circumstances of his service are above related.

To the sixth answers. That he never received a written discharge from service.

To the seventh answers. That John Tracy, Post Master, Uri Tracy late Member of Congress, Luther Foote, Bliss Willoughby and Ira Willcox are persons to whom he is known in his present neighborhood and they can testify as to his character for veracity and their belief of his services as a Soldier of the Revolution.

That he is acquainted with no Clergyman residing in his vicinity.

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 Carhartt

Sworn to and Subscribed the day and year aforesaid. P. B. Prindle

Letter in folder dated April 28, 1923, written in response to an inquiry.

In addition to the military history of the Revolutionary War pensioner, John Carhartt, W. 1695, you are furnished the following data as to his children.

Anna born Oct. 6, 1773.

Phebe born Feb. 10, 1776.

James born Oct. 18, 1778.

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Elizabeth born Aug. 25, 1786.

Hennery born Sept. 10, 1787.

Stephen born March 1, 1790.

John born Dec. ---- 1795.

Ambros born March - 1796.

Selvanus born March 22, 1797.

Isaac born April -----