

Pension Application for Abraham Cater or Caters

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State of New York
Schoharie County SS.

On this twelfth day of November 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 Oyer and Terminer holden in and for the county of Schoharie and State aforesaid, now sitting Abraham Cater, a resident of the town and country of Schoharie and State of New York aged seventy five 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.

That in the spring of the year 1781 the latter part of April or about the first of May he enlisted at Kingston in the county of Ulster and State of New York, where he then lived, for nine months in Captain Dubois' company in Colonel Weisenfelt's regiment, he joined the company at Kingston and marched to Shawangunk, helped build a fort there stayed a little better than a month they ten went to [Daven?] about eight miles and stayed about three months went from there to Warsing and stayed about 14 days and then returned, that his chief employ was scouting and standing guard. That he continued in the service in the same company and regiment till his nine months had fully expired when he was discharged at Marbletown in the county of Ulster and State aforesaid about the first of February 1782.

That he enlisted again for nine months in the spring of the year 1782 in Captain Dubois' company in Colonel Weisenfels regiment at Kingston in the County of Ulster and State aforesaid and served in said company and regiment till his nine months were out when he was discharged in Marbletown in the county and State aforesaid. He thinks it was about the first of May he enlisted and about the beginning of February that he was discharged.

1. He was born in Marbletown in the County of Ulster and State of New York in January 1757 according as he has kept his age but what day of the month he was born he cannot say.
2. His age is recorded, he thinks, in the Lutheran Church book at Kingston in Ulster County and State aforesaid.
3. He was living in Kingston aforesaid when he entered the service and lived there till he came to Schoharie in the County of Schoharie and State aforesaid where he now lives and has lived for about forty years.
4. He entered the service as a volunteer.
5. He does not recollect the names of the regular officers who were with the troops where he served if any were there excepting the names of Colonel Brown and Henry Pauling nor does he know much about any of the regiments excepting the one he belonged to.
6. He never received a written discharge.
7. He is known to the following persons in his neighbourhood who can testify to his character for veracity and their belief of his services as a soldier of the Revolution, to wit, John Ingold, Christian H. Schafer and Marinus Schafer.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, and declares that his name is not on the pension except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state. (Signed with his mark) Abraham Cater

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid in open court. John Gebhard Jr., Clerk