

## Pension Application for John J. Chism

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State of New York

County of Schenectady SS.

On this eighteenth day of October 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 Schenectady and State of New York aforesaid now sitting John J. Chism a resident of the City of Schenectady in the said County of Schenectady aged seventy four years and upwards and 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 was born in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and fifty eight at Livingston's Manor so called in the State of New York that he has no record of his age. That he continued to reside there before and since the War of the Revolution until the year one thousand eight hundred and one when he this deponent removed to Schenectady where he now resides.

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

That in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and seventy six while living in Livingston's Manor aforesaid he was enrolled in a company of Militia commanded by Jacob Shaver Captain. That during the whole of the Revolutionary War he was frequently called out in actual service that when not out on military duty or away from home he was while at home always on the alert with the rest of the Company to which he belonged to guard and protect the Country from the incursions of Tories, Robbers, and Indians.

The following are some of the Principal of the services rendered by this deponent to his country during the War of the Revolution.

This deponent was called out with the Company aforesaid just before General Montgomery was killed at Quebeck [Quebec] in the month of December 1775 the said company proceeded from Livingston's manor to Fort Edward deponent was with the company about one month when they returned home he had no discharge in writing. This was on a draft all the Company did not go. Discharged in January 1776.

In the year following one thousand seven hundred and seventy seven he was drafted to go to Stillwater and Saratoga to meet General Burgoine's Army that he went there in the said Company and continued there about one month was not in the Battle at the Taking of Buroine was at Schuylerville when Burgoine surrendered after the surrender the Company were discharged he was out one month & rising this time he had no written discharge.

There was a company of Rangers at Livingston's Manor who were dismissed or ceased to do duty in 1776. When the Company of the said Captain Shaver had to take their place with the rest of the Militia their duty was to guard the place from Tories and Robbers & this deponent with the rest of the Company continued to act as such until the close of the war when not out as above that he was out in actual service in this way as a militia soldier more than one year deponent can not recollect & detail all the particulars of the services and duties he was frequently on scouts and in pursuit of Tories as a soldier.

The following are the names of some of the regular officers whom he knew, or who were with the troops where he served, and such continental and militia regiments or companies with which he served, or as he can recollect, viz: Col. Livingston, Major Ten Broeck, Col. McKinstry.

He never received any written discharge from the service. He lived in Livingston's Manor until the year 1801, when he removed to the County of Schenectady where he now resides.

He has no documentary evidence, and knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service except the deposition hereto annexed and hopes that as he states the truth his evidence may be received.

The following are the names of persons to whom he is known in his present neighborhood, and who can testify as to his character for veracity, and their belief of his services as a soldier of the revolution, to wit. Prof. Proudfit, Adam Vrooman.

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 with his mark) John J. Chism.

Subscribed and sworn to the day and year first aforesaid. John S. Vrooman, Clerk