

Pension Application for John Clapper

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State of New York

County of Columbia SS.

On this 17th day July personally appeared in Open Court before the Justices of the Justices Court of the City of Hudson in The County and State aforesaid, now sitting, John Clapper a resident of the Town of Kinderhook in said County aged seventy two years who being duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declarations in order to obtain the benefit of the acct [act] of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

That he was born in the Town of Claverack in the County of Columbia aforesaid & State of New York in the months of November the 19th day in the year, 1759, that he was drafted in the Militia of the state of New York about the first of September 1777 in the company of Capt. Jeremiah Miller, Major Richard Esselestyne, Colonel Henry Livingston.

Marched to Half Moon Point now Waterford in the County of Saratoga and remained there until after the surrender of Burgoyne was then taken sick and was sent home this enlistment was for three months.

Remained sick during the winter 1777, was again called on in the spring of 178 and went under the command of Capt Jeremiah Miller from the Town of Claverack in the County aforesaid marched to Albany and from Albany to Schenectady as a guard to guard the Town of Schenectady remained at Schenectady about one month then returned home and was again called in the Fall about the last of October or first of November under Capt. George Phillip and marched to Schoharrie in Schoharrie [Schoharie] County and was joined to a Regiment does not recollect the name of the Field Officers and remained there one month then returned about the last of October or first of November under Capt. George Phillip and marched to Schoharrie in Schoharrie County and was joined to a regiment does not recollect the name of the Field Officers and remained there one month then returned home.

Remained at home in the Town of Claverack until November 1779 was then hired as a substitute for Jeremiah Delamater went to the Town of Fishkill in Dutchess County under Capt John Osterhoudt, Major Richard Esslestyne. Remained there thirty two days was then discharged and went home

Was again called out by Captain Michael Horton Col., Henry Ransalaer thinks it was in the fall of 1780 Robert Rensalaer was General, march[ed] from Claverack up to the Mohawk River was at the engagement under VanRanssaler on the Mohawk River on the Flats near Stone Robby. Followed the Indians through the woods some days was three days & three nights in the woods without provisions, then returned home & believes he was in the service this time about one month.

This deponent further declares that he has no documentary evidence that he has but one living witness whose testimony is hereunto annexed and that he relinquishes every claim to any pension what ever except this present one that his name is not on any pension roll of any state and further saith not.
(Signed) John Clapper

Sworn & subscribed July 17th 1832. Hiram Wilbur, Clerk