

Pension Application for Jonas Cline

R.2049 (Widow: Caty)

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

State of Ohio

Richland County SS.

On this 7th day of December 1832, personally appeared Jonas Cline before me, one of the associate Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in & for the county of Richland, in the state of Ohio, aged seventy one years, and six months 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 and saith that he is seventy one years and six months of age, and that he entered into the service of the Revolutionary War, in the year 1780, under one Colonel John Johnson in the State of New York in the County of Ulster of said state, that he served four months, under the said Col. John Johnson in the said year in said County of Ulster in said state, that he entered into and served as private soldier that he entered the service as a volunteer in the Militia or State Troops, commanded by said Col. Johnson at that time, that his captain's name he does not nor recollect but he distinctly recollects the name of his Lieutenant who commanded in said company to which this applicant belonged. Such Lieutenant's name was one "Nicholas Hardenburgh", who served in said Company under the said Col. Johnson during the term above mentioned & commanded this applicant in the company to which he was attached.

That the principal part of said four months term of service was served in the County of Ulster in the State of New York where the troops or militia then lay or were stationed at that time under the said "colonel John Johnson", that this applicant entered the army as above entered the army as above mentioned about the month of August & continued to serve & did faithfully serve as a soldier for the term of service above mentioned in said year.

At the expiration of said Four Months service he was dismissed verbally or orally from the service by his commanding officers, but he never received any written discharge from his officers or any of them, that he did receive a certificate in writing at the time of his dismissal from the service stating that he had served in the army & was entitled to draw his pay for such service which certificate he then shortly after he received it, he sold for little or nothing to some speculators, who were in the habit of buying soldiers certificates at such times. That he is not now able to produce it, nor does he know what has become of it other than he has stated.

He cannot recollect by whom such certificate was signed, but he is certain that his "Lieutenant Nicholas Hardenburgh" brought it to him, and gave it to this applicant after his dismissal from the service as above.

And this applicant further says that he served a term of four months in the State Troops or Militia of the State of New York in the year 1781. That he entered the service in said year in the State of New York as a Volunteer in said troops or militia and continued to serve therein faithfully during the months August, September, October, & November as a private soldier, that he joined the first company of colonel "Weisenfelt's" Regiment of Troops, that the company to which this applicant belonged was commanded by one "Captain Godwin", that the Lieutenant's name was one "Alexander McCarty", and that the adjutant's name in said Regiment was one ____ "Welch" who served in said regiment as such adjutant during the term of service above stated.

This applicant resided at the time he so joined the army a second time on the first day of August 1781, in the Township of Shawangunk, in the County of Ulster, near Kingston in the State of New York.

That this applicant met or mustered at a place called "Newburgh" lying on the North River in said state, and at Newburgh on the 1st of August 1781, he joined the company of troops under command of the said "Captain Godwin" and marched with said company to a place about 5 miles from "Newburgh" called Fish-Kill in the State of New York that at "Fish-Kill" this applicant with the whole company commanded by "Captain Godwin" joined the Regiment lying at that time at "Fish-Kill" above

mentioned. That the [cut off] the said Captain Godwin was attached, was commanded by one Colonel Weisenfelt, a Dutchman, that they remained with the whole Regiment at Fish-Kill for about two weeks & thence marched to a place called "West-Point" and laid there a few days and thence this applicant and the whole of Captain Godwin's Company under the command of the said Captain Godwin and Captain White's company and Captain Brewster's company and a few other companies of the troops belonging to the said Col. Weissenfelt's Regiment at Fish-Kill as aforesaid, were ordered to a station up the North River called Albany, in the State of New York. That that part of the troops which were sent to Albany from Fish-Kill they took their passage in a vessel from Fish-Kill by water up said river, to Albany.

That this applicant thinks as near as he can recollect that he arrived with said Captain Godwin's company under the command of the said Captain Godwin & the others at Albany about the month of September 1781, and that the balance of said Colonel Weisenfelt's Regiment which was not ordered to go to Albany was ordered down the North River towards the City of New York, near (the Lines as it was then called) as the British Troops had possession between the City of New York and West Point, for some part of the way, and the said Balance of said Weisenfelts Regiment was ordered to march down the river to some point or station down towards (the Lines as they were at that time called by the troops).

That so much of the Regiment of Colonel Weisenfelt as was sent or ordered to Albany from Fishkill as above mentioned, was commanded by one Major Logan that so much of said regiment as was sent to Albany was under the command of Major Logan at Albany where they remained about two weeks, and from thence they were ordered to march to a place called Johnstown in said state of New York where they remained about two or three weeks, and from thence they were ordered to march to a place called Saratoga where they were the balance of the time and until the expiration of the said four months. That whilst they were stationed at Saratoga, Colonel Weisenfelt there met them again and marched them back again from Saratoga to Albany & there dismissed them from their service, this applicant served faithfully during said term of time through a zealous and most perilous campaign of four months as above stated under the said Colonel Weisenfelt & Major Logan as above mentioned and until their clothes were nearly in rags, and a part of their way they had to beg their way for bread as some of the time they were for two days or more without drawing their rations.

That at the time of the dismissal of this applicant at Albany as above mentioned, at the expiration of his said four month service above stated, he did not receive any written discharge from the said Colonel Weisenfelt or the said Major Logan or the said Captain Godwin nor from any of his officers at that time but was verbally or orally dismissed from the service but was verbally or orally dismissed from the service.

That all the written evidence which he ever received of his services or of his discharge was a "written pass" from his Captain Godwin at the time of his dismissal giving this applicant permission to return home without hindrance or molestation and this certificate or pass is now lost & destroyed and has been for a number of years, as this applicant did not deem it of any value after his return home and for that reason, did not preserve it.

And this applicant further states that he again entered the army in the militia or state troops of the State of New York under the same Col. John Johnson, that his captain's name was one Josiah Robinson and his Lieutenant's name was Albert Roosa that he entered said troops under the above mentioned officers in the spring of the year 178[?] about the first of April of said year and faithfully served for a period of eight months from the first day of April in 1782, that he entered as a volunteer soldier in said army under said officers as above mentioned in said year. That the services rendered were principally or wholly during the said eight months served under the said officers in guarding the frontiers of the Township of Rochester in the County of Ulster near Kingston in the State of New York. That the whole eight months service was rendered in the County of Ulster in the State of New York as above mentioned that the officers who commanded this applicant during the said time at the periods &

places above named served with this applicant for the periods above mentioned faithfully in the said revolutionary army for the periods above set forth. That this applicant with the whole of the said Captain Josiah Robinson's Company of troops under the command of the said Col. Johnson were dismissed from the service at the expiration of the said eight months that they were so dismissed by the commanding officers, some time in the month of December 1782. But this applicant did not receive any written discharge from his officers at the time he was so discharged by said officers in the month of December 1782 but did receive a written permission to return home without hindrance or molestation, but does not know by whom it was signed but says it was signed by some of the officers under whom he served.

The occasion of this last eight months term of service was that the county of Ulster in the state of New York lying on the North River was constantly harassed and exposed to attacks from the British, the Indians & Tories who were plundering the property of the defenceless inhabitants settled in said county along the North River. It became actually necessary that there should be a military force in readiness to guard the settlements of the inhabitants & their property against the merciless attacks of the enemy & Indians the Tories, at that time who were lurking about that section of the county.

A great many of the citizens of that county readily volunteered & placed themselves under the command of officers in order to stand in defence of the settlements, and to guard them from the attacks of the enemy at the time this applicant served his last eight months or service as above mentioned, during the war of the revolution as above set forth and the troops were for eight months under the command of the said officers kept in the service for the periods above mentioned and during all of which said three tours of duty above specified this applicant has faithfully served in the war of the revolution as above set forth. That this applicant is unable more particularly to give the names of his officers under whom he served during the three years of service by him rendered other than above stated and set forth and the particulars of his services.

That this applicant originally entered the army in the spring of the year 1880 he then resided in the Township of Shawangunk in the County of Ulster in the State of New York near Kingston and he continued to reside there until about the year 1805 then this applicant removed into the state of Pennsylvania in the county of Wayne, and thence into the County of Beaver of said state having resided about eleven years in said state and about the year 1817 this applicant removed into the state of Ohio into the Township of Montgomery in the County of Richland in the State of Ohio where he now resides.
(Signed) Jonas Cline

Sworn to & subscribed before me this 7th day of December 1832. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my name & seal of office. Wm. Patterson, Associate Judge.

Children: Marget born November 11, 1788.

Elizabeth born January 20, 1791.

Caty born January 15, 1793.

Rachel born march 31, 1795 in 1844 signed her name Rachel Beer.

Benjamin born November 1, 1797.

Sarah born February 5, 1800.

Mary born January 31, 1802.