

Pension Application for Frederick Clute

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State of New York
Steuben County SS

Personally appeared before me that undersigned a Justice of the Peace Frederick Clute who being duly sworn, deposeth & saith that by reason of old age and consequent loss of memory he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his service but according to the best of his recollection he served not less than the period mentioned below viz, one year and five month and for such service I claim a pension.

And this deponent further saith that he did procure the attendance of a clergyman at court when his pension papers were made out to certify to his character & belief of his service, but that said clergyman left the village of Bath when his case was called & could not be found to make said certificate and that he was then compelled to select two of his neighbors for that purpose. (Signed with his mark)
Frederick Clute

Sworn before me this 12th day of August 1833 and read over to said to s'd Clute. Paul C. Cook,
Justice Peace

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On this sixteenth day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty two personally appeared in open court before the court of Common Pleas now sitting at the Court House in Bath in the County & State aforesaid being a Court of record, Frederick Clute a resident of the town of Cohocton in the County & State aforesaid aged seventy years and upwards 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 officers and served as herein stated viz. That [he] enlisted into the service of the United States on the 1st of May in the year 1777 at Niskauna [Niskayuna] in the county of Albany where he then resided for the term of nine month[s] to be employed on fatigue duty in cutting wood and burning coal to supply the United States works in the City of Albany and was employed on this duty until the 1st of February 1778 when he was discharged at the Coal Pitts near Albany but did not receive a written discharge. The superintendent[']s name was Robert Carrier.

That he again entered the service as a drafted militia man in March or April of the year 1778 at Niskauna aforesaid where he then resided in a company under the command of Captain Henry Ostrom Lieut Jacob Weaver and Ensign Lewis Ostrander and joined the Regiment at Glens Falls commanded by Colonel Schuyler and marched to Lake George and staid there about three months and then returned to Sarratoga [Saratoga] and was discharged at that place in December 1778—that he does not remember the names of the Continental officers as the Militia did not encamp in the barracks with the regular troops. There was but one Regiment of militia in this service.

That he again [went] into the service as a volunteer about the last of July 1779 or first of August 1779 at Niskayuna aforesaid aforesaid [sic] where he then resided joined his company at Albany to relieve the people of Schoharie from the tories and Indians—Major Schermerhorn took the command of the volunteers and militia at Schoharrie, but does not recollect the names of his company officers—they were all strangers to him. That he continued in the service there for the term of three months and was discharged in October 1779, there were no regular troops there did not receive a written discharge.

That he entered again into the service as a militia man in August 1780 at Niskauna aforesaid where he then resided, joined his company at Schenectady commanded by Capt. Ostrom, Lieut. Jacob Weaver, and Ensign Lewis Ostrander in an expedition against the tories and Indians on the Mohawk

river. The expedition was commanded by Gen. Schuyler, marched up the river—passed through the German Flatts in Herkimer County as far as Fort Stanwix—returned again to Schenectady where we were discharged about the first of October 1780. There were not continental troops in this expedition. Did not receive a written discharge.

That he has no documentary or other proof of said services nor does he know of any person by whom he can prove them.

Born at Niskauna aforesaid in the year 1760. Has no record of his age—Lived at Niskayuna when called into service—moved to Charleston Montgomery County New York—moved from there to Chenango County, now of Sherburn—moved from there to [cut off] Steuben County where he now resides called into the service in the manner already stated. Cannot add any further particulars of the names of officers or the general circumstances of his service, nor can he say anything further in relation to his discharge.

That he can prove his character for veracity and their belief of his services as a soldier of the revolution by Gabriel Dusenbury and James Henry.

He hereby relinquishes very 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)
Frederick Clute

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid. M. S. Rumsey, Dep Clk, Steuben County