

Pension Application for Hugh Connelly

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Declaration. In order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June the 7th 1832.

State of New York

Schoharie County SS.

On this [?] day of February 1833 personally [personally] appeared in Open Court before the Judges of the Court of Com. Plea [Common Pleas] Schoharie County now sitting Hugh Connelly a resident of Jefferson in the County of Schoharie and State of New York aged 73 years the 29th of April last 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 the 7th 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated that he entered the service of the United States in the Month of May 1775 the day he does not recollect that he belonged to a company of New York Militia Commanded by Captain Samuel Pettengill, Lieut William Snook, Ensign Thomas Vanhorn in the 3rd Regt of State Troops Commanded by Collonel [Colonel] Frederick Fisher. That when he entered the service he resided at Florida in the County of Montgomery that part of the Country at that time being infected with Indians and Torys, that he was almost [almost] constantly out on Scouts and alarms and keeping garrison in the different fortifications up and down the Mohawk River at one alarm his Capt. and two Uncles were killed and several others, General Herkimer was wounded and died of his wounds three days afterwards the engagement took place in the Eriskeny [Oriskany] Woods about six miles from Fort Stanwicks then William Snook took the command of the company when the Indians and Torries burnt Florida they retreated as far as Johnstown there we came up with them and had a sharp engagement at first the Indians drove us then we were reinforced by the Stone Roble Militia commanded by Capt. McMaster then we drove them and killed a number on both sides next morning he helped bring thirteen his messmate was killed we then prevented them as far as Candd [Canada] Creek there Capt. Butler was killed that commanded the Tories.

We then returned back the Indians that were with us had [?] scalpe [scalps] that they carved on a pole that he was almost constantly on alarms that he was at Schoharie at the time the Indians and Tories burnt it they then went to Stone Robbe [Stone Arabia] now called Palentine [Palatine] there they killed Col Brown and most of his Regt, that they followed them and Governor Clinton with a number men joined them and they pursued after them until Governor Clinton thought it but to return he was at the taking of Burgoine under the same officers as before mentioned and after the surrender he served as a teamster in conveying the baggage from Sartoga [Saratoga] to Albany that time 3 or 4 weeks precise time does not recollect but was almost constantly on duty some times a week sometimes more some times in the forts sometimes on Scouts from May 1775 to the close of the war it was almost one time of enlistment and should say according to the best of his knowledge that he served as much as two years or more during the war some times he was billeted out then they stayed in the fort nights and scouted day times that once he was put in command by the commissary at Skenectady over a number of teams for to carry provisions to the garrison at Fort Stanwicks that when he entered the service he resided in what now is called Florida County of Montgomery that he volunteered in all his services there were no Continental troops with them as he recollects only at the taking of Burgoyne and only recollects General Gates and Arnold. That he has no documentary evidence and knows of no other testimony that he can prove only those accompanying this.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declare that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state.

That he was born in in [sic] Florida the 29th of April 1759 and lived there until about thirty years ago and then moved to Jefferson Schoharie County where I now reside that he has no record of his age.

That he never rec'd no discharge but would refer you to persons living in my neighborhood who can testify as to my character for truth and veracity and their belief as to my services as a soldier of the Revolution. Colonel David Wiltsie, Benjamin Milk. Col. [?] B. Brown and Asa Morse. (Signed) Hugh Connelly.

Subscribed and sworn in open court the day & year aforesaid before me. John Gebhard Jr., Clk