

Pension Application for John Countryman

S.43359

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Captain Yates, Van Schaick's Regiment, New York Line, inscribed on the roll of New York at the rate of 8 dollars per month, to commence on the 13th of April 1818.

TO: J. C. Calhoun Esqr, Sec'y at War

Springfield, Otsego Co. N. York, April 20th 1818

Sir:

I send you enclosed the papers of Adolphus J. Walrad, John Countryman and William Wolcott in order that they may be put upon the pension list in as the evidence of their Revolutionary Service brings them within the meaning of the act—Will you have the goodness to examine the papers and in case they are insufficient permit one of the clerks in your office of the Department of War to inform me whether the prayer of the petitioners are granted.

I regret that I am under the necessity of making this request and should not was it not uncertain whether any of my acquaintance in Congress will be at Washington when this packet shall arrive. Yours respectfully, Henry Brown.

State of New York
Otsego County SS.

John Countryman being duly sworn that he was sixty five years old last February that he is a resident of the Town of Otsego in the county of Otsego aforesaid—That from his reduced circumstances in life he is in need of assistance from his country for support—that he this deponent enlisted in the army of the United States on the Continental establishment in the Revolutionary War in the spring of the year one thousand seven hundred and seventy five—as a private soldier in Captain Christopher P. Yates (1), Company in Col. VanSchaick's Regiment in the New York line.—That he continued in the service of the United States in said war for three years that for part of said time he served in Seeber's (2) company & that he received an honorable discharge that is discharge has been lost or mislaid—That this deponent hat never received any pension from the United States whatever—And this deponent further saith that he has no real property whatever and is entirely dependant upon his daily labour for support and that he is lame in his left hand in consequence of hard service and injury while a soldier in the said war—and further this deponent saith not. (Signed) John Countryman (3)

Sworn this thirteenth day of April AD 1818 before me, Joseph White first Judge of Otsego Com'n Pleas

End Notes—S.43359—John Countryman or Conterman, Cunderman, Gunderman, etc.)

1. John enlisted as a private on July 16, 1775 in Captain Christopher P. Yates' Fourth Company in Colonel Goose VanSchaick's Second New York Continental Regiment. He is listed as John F. Countryman on the muster roll dated "Camp at Ticonderoga the 29th day of August 1775." FROM: Revolutionary War Rolls 1775-1783, Series M-246, Roll 67, folder 19, National Archives, Washington, D.C.
2. John enlisted on March 6, 1776 in Captain Jacob W. Seeber's Company in Colonel Cornelius D. Wynkoop's Fourth New York Continental Regiment. He served as a Corporal until he was discharged on January 1, 1777. Captain Seeber's and Captain Robert McKeawn's Companies of Wynkoop's Regiment in July and August assisted the Third New Jersey Continental Regiment in building Fort Dayton in what is now the Village of Herkimer, Herkimer County, New York. FROM: General Philip Schuyler Papers, New York Public Library, New York City, New York.
3. John doesn't mention his militia service but he served as a private in Captain John Ruff's or Ruoff, Rook, etc., Company of Exempts attached to Colonel Samuel Campbell's First Regiment of Tryon County Militia. According to the receipt for certificates dates "Canajohary District & Montgomery County this 30th day of September 1785", Certificate No. 11565 John Contreman Private £ 1.. 3..1. FROM: Revolutionary War Rolls 1775-1783, Series M-246, Roll 72, folder 89, National Archives, Washington, D.C.