

Pension Application for Frederick Cristman

(This was also in the pensions and looks to be exactly the same as the other one on the site.) There is a number R.1941 for this name.

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On this nineteenth day of October 1832 personally appeared before me John Mahon one of the Judges of the Court of common Pleas in &b for the County of Herkimer, at the Town of Columbia in the said County, Frederick Cristman, a resident in the said County, Frederick Cristman, a resident of the said Town of Columbia, county of Herkimer and State of New York aged eighty four years, 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 7, 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers, and served as herein stated.

That he first entered the service of the United States in the spring of the year 1777 in the month of March, in the company of Militia commanded by Frederick Getman as Captain in the Regiment commanded by Col. Peter Bellinger, and that he does not recollect any considerable Service in which the said company was engaged during the spring of that year—during the summer this applicant and his company lay at Fort Herkimer on the south side of the Mohawk river in the present Town of German Flatts for some weeks, and then they were ordered to march and did march to Fort Dayton on the north side of the said river, in the present Town of Herkimer, where they lay a few days and were then marched under General Nicholas Herkimer, to the relief of Fort Stanwix, there threatened by the enemy. That on the way from Fort Dayton to Fort Stanwix, this claimant was in the company commanded by Captain Frederick Frank, who commanded the said company in the battle of Oriskany in which this claimant was engaged under General Herkimer, where this claimant was wounded in said battle, in the knee—that the Indians belonging to the enemy endeavoured to take the scalp of the General Herkimer but he was defended by his man, and they did not succeed in their attempt.

That after the Oriskany battle the General Herkimer returned home to his residence at Fall Hill, and this claimant and his company returned at the same time to his residence at a place called Fort Herkimer.

That he was out in this tour of duty including the time that he lay at fort Dayton two weeks or more.

That during the remainder of the year 1777 he stood sentry in the Fort at Fort Herkimer, and was in actual service in garrison in frequent scouting parties, and on the march after the Oriskany Battle and before the close of the year, at least, for the term of three months.

That during the campaign and season of 1778 this claimant, performed garrison duty, in the same company and regiment at Fort Herkimer and Fort Dayton

for a considerable part of the time until the winter of 1778-9; but this claimant cannot state the precise time during which he was so engaged—that he was frequently out on scouts, and that during that season he was marched to Unadilla, near to which it was said that a treaty was made between our people and Col. Brandt who commanded the forces of the enemy consisting of British and Indians. That he was gone on the said tour to Unadilla about two weeks.

That in the spring of the year 1779, and sometime in the month of May, and which this claimant was one of the company aforesaid commanded by the said Frederick Frank, in the Regiment commanded by said Col. Peter Bellinger, and which he this claimant was performing garrison duty and was acting as a Sentinel at Fort Herkimer aforesaid, under arms, he was taken previous by a party of Indians in the service of the British and was taken by them, through the woods to Montreal in the Province of Lower Canada, where he was kept a prisoner, being some part of the time in close jail for about fifteen months.

That from the time he was so taken prisoner as aforesaid until he returned to his residence, this whole time was sixteen months.

That he was not discharged from his said imprisonment; but that he continued to make his escape in company with Jacob House, Timothy Newton, Nicholas Woolever, and others; that this claimant and the said Jacob House, Timothy Newton, and Nicholas Woolever were fellow prisoners, and all made good their escape, but the others who started with them fell back, and did not return with them to their homes.

And he knew Col. Butler in Montreal, but does not recollect any other British officers.

That eh returned from Canada late in the year 1780, and was, during the remainder of that year, and during the succeeding year 1780 engaged a considerable portion of the time in performing garrison duty at fort Herkimer aforesaid, in scouting parties, and in standing guard at various places; but owing to the great age and infirmity of mind and body this claimant cannot recollect the particulars of the last mentioned services as to the particular times, and the duration of each particular service; nor can he recollect with any certainty the particular services as it regards their number or duration whilst he has referred to and particularly stated in this declaration.

He verily believes that he has omitted many services and tours of duty which he cannot recollect sufficiently to describe them.

That excepting the time of his absence as a prisoner as aforesaid, which he distinctly remembers, he cannot detail much of the various services which he has performed; although he says he was every year during the existence of the war, engaged for more than half of the time in actual service in the militia.

1. That he was born in the present Town of Herkimer County of Herkimer and State of New York in the year 1740.
2. That he has a record of his age in his house at Columbia aforesaid.
3. That he lived, when called into service at Fort Herkimer, now the Town of German Flatts, County of Herkimer aforesaid, and that immediately after

the Revolutionary War he removed to his present residence in the Town of Columbia aforesaid, where he has ever since resided.

4. That he always entered the service as a Volunteer.
5. That he has never served as he recollects with any regular troops. That he knew General Schuyler and saw him at Fort Dayton, where he also saw Col. Gansevoort. That eh recollects Col. Willet and his Regiment, besides the Regiment of Col. Bellinger to which he belonged.
6. That he never received any written discharge.
7. He states the names of Henry Helmer and Adam Helmer as persons to whom he is known in his present neighborhood, and who can testify to his character for veracity and their belief of his services as a soldier of the Revolution.

He has no documentary evidence and knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity, except the present & declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state.
(Signed with his mark) Frederick Cristman

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid. John Mahon, one of the Judges of Herkimer Common Pleas.