

Pension Application for Peter Demorest

State of New York

Tompkins County SS.

On this fourth day of February 1834 personally appeared in open court before the Court of Common Pleas in & for the said county of Tompkins and State of New York (being a court of record) now sitting Peter Demorest a resident of the Town of Danby in the County and State aforesaid aged seventy five years on the second day of May next 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 enlisted as a Private in Capt John Wisner's company in Col. Henry Nicholas or Nichols Regiment of New York State Troops for four months on the first of April 1776 and served during that term under the same officers at fort constitution on the Hudson River—That he enlisted as aforesaid at Warwick in the County of Orange & State of New York where he [was] then residing with his father—during the aforesaid service they were stationed at Fort Constitution and engaged principally in building Batteries after which the Declarant was honourably discharged.—

That eh again enlisted as a private in the same company and under the same officers for five months on the first of August 1776 and served as such private during that term. Immediately after his said last mentioned enlistment he marched with said regiment to Kingsbridge on the Hudson where they were stationed for some time & from thence they marched to White Plains where they joined a main branch of the American Army under Genl Washington, Sterling, Putnam at White Plains, Genl George Clinton took command of said Col. Nicholas or Nichols Regt—they were engaged in the Battle of White Plains during the last aforesaid service.

After the battle at White Plains, Genl Washington & his forces pursued the British from White Plains to Hackensack, N.J. and the declarant with the aforesaid Regt commanded by said Col. Nicholas or Nichols under Genl Clinton remained for some time at White Plaines & marched from thence to Peekskill where they remained until their term of five months for which he enlisted had expired when this declarant was again honourably discharged.

That he next volunteered in February 1777, to serve as a substitute for his father Peter Demorest who was drafted to serve as a private for two months in Capt John Wood's Company of New York Militia—That the declarant served as such substitute for said term of two months in the aforesaid company during which they were stationed at the Liberty Pole near Bergen New Jersey for the purpose of Guarding the Frontier from innvasions [sic] by the British and Cowboys—The declarant does not recollect the name of the Col. who had the command of said Capt Woods company during the said two months service as he was not present with said company but after serving at that place the term of the draft he was again honourably discharged from the service of Col. Heathorn.

That from Appril [sic] 1777 for one year for the declarant and also for one year for his said gather Peter Demorest he stood as a classed Militiaman and served as such during which he was in active service alternately for two weeks at a time for the term of two years.—

That during the last aforesaid service he served under different Captains at different times—he cannot recollect the names of all of his Captains in that service but he recollects the name of the following Viz. Capt John Minthorn, Capt Andrew Miller, Capt Peter Bertolf, Capt Richard Bailey, Capt Thomas Blain and Capt Shepard all of whom captians in Col. Hathorn's Regiment of New York Militia—That during said service as a classed Militia man he worked in the erecting & building Fort Montgomery and Fort Arnold.

That he the Declarant from old age and the consequent loss of memory cannot state positively the time or times of his service in the Revolution but according to the best of his recollection he served not less than the periods herein after specified & in the following grades.

For 4 months I served as a private in Capt Wisener's Comp'y in 1776

“ 5 months I served as private in Capt. Wisner's Comp'y in 1776

“ 2 months I served as a substitute in Capt Woods Comp'y in 1776

“ 6 months I served as a class militia man (actually in service) 1777

“ 6 months I served as a class militia man as a substitute (actual service) 1777

Making 1 year 11 month actual service at least.

He hereby relinquishes every 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) Peter Demorest

Sworn to & subscribed in open court the day and year aforesaid. S. Love, Clerk