

Pension Application for Johan Jost Dietz

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Mr. Fry, from the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions, made the following

REPORT:

The Committee on Revolutionary Pensions, to whom was referred the petition of Johan Jost Deitz, of Albany county, N. Y. report:

That the petitioner alleges he is seventy-eight years of age ; that he served in the revolutionary war, at Scoharie, in the State of New York, as a fifer in Captain Stubrach's company, in Colonel Vrooman's regiment, from the 1st of May, 1778, to the 1st November following; that they kept their headquarters at the lower fort in Scoharie; that he entered the same service, in the same capacity, and in the same company, on the 1st May, 1779, and continued to the last of October; that, in the spring of 1780, he entered the same service, and served to the fall of that year; that, in the spring of 1781, he entered the same service, in the same capacity, and served till fall; that, in the spring of 1782, he entered the same service, and continued to the 15th September, when he was discharged.

Jacob Schoolcraft testifies that he is seventy-three years of age; that he was well acquainted with the petitioner in the revolutionary war; that deponent was orderly sergeant in said Captain Stubrach's company, and that the petitioner served in the said company, in Scoharie, in the years 1778, '79, '80, '81, and '82; that deponent has heard petitioner's statement read, and believes that petitioner entered the service in each year as he states, and served to the time he states in each year, and that he believes his services amounted to more than two years.

Jacob Becker testifies that he is seventy-nine years of age; that he was well acquainted with the petitioner in the revolutionary war; that he knows he served in Captain Stubrach's company, in Colonel Vroman's regiment, in 1778, from about the 1st May to the 1st November; deponent was also in the service at the same time, and quartered at the upper fort in Scoharie, about ten miles from where the petitioner was quartered; and that, after that, the deponent was attached to the same company and regiment in 1779, '80, '81, and '82, from the spring till late in the fall, and, according to the best of his recollection, the petitioner entered the service, and remained in it to the periods which he states in his petition and thinks he served more than two years in the whole.

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This statement is corroborated by the testimony of William Becker who was in the same service, and who thinks petitioner's service amounted to twenty months.

It is further corroborated by the testimony of John Schoolcraft, who was in the same service, and thinks the petitioner served four months in each year, from 1778 to 1782, inclusive.

It is also further confirmed by the testimony of Peter Vrooman, who was in the same service, and served with the petitioner in Captain Strubrach's Company at different periods, from the spring of 1778 to the fall of 1782; thinks peititon served as much as two years in the whole.

The petitioner further states that, in 1834, he was put upon the pension roll, at \$80 per annum; that, in the spring of 1836, his pension was stopped, because his name was not found on Colonel Vrooman's pay-roll and that the terms of Colonel Vroomans' regiment were much less than six months.

The committee agree to allow him a pension for one year, to take effect at and from the time his name was dropped from the roll.