

Pension Application for Johan Jost Dietz, Teats, Teetz, etc.

State of New York
Schoharie County SS
S.45837

On the fifth day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty four, personally appeared in open Court before the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas of the County of Schoharie, now sitting, Johan Jost Dietz, a resident of the Town of Bern in the County of Albany, state aforesaid, aged seventy-three years and four months, 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 7th, 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated.

First he was ordered into the service in the Town of Schoharie in the County of Schoharie and state aforesaid, where he then resided as early as the first of May 1778 in Captain Stubrach's (1) Company in Colonel Vrooman's regiment. That they kept their headquarters at the Lower Fort in said town and that he continued in said service in said company and regiment as late as to the first of November following when he was discharged at the fort aforesaid.

That again in the Spring of the year 1779, he was ordered into the same company and regiment at Schoharie aforesaid where he then resided as early as the first of May and continued to serve in the same company and served as late as the first part of November then following he was discharged at the fort aforesaid.

That he was ordered in the service again in the same company and regiment at Schoharie aforesaid in the Spring of the year 1780, (2) that he entered the company at the fort aforesaid as early as the first of May of that year and continued to serve in the same company and regiment till at least the first part of November then following where he was discharged at the fort aforesaid.

That in the Spring of the year 1781, he was again ordered into the same company (3) while at the fort aforesaid as early as the first part of May of that year and continued in service in said company until the first of November following when he was discharged at Schoharie aforesaid, that in the spring of the year, 1782, he was again ordered into the service in the same company and regiment and served in said company at Schoharie aforesaid and as early as May of said year, in the same company in the same regiment until the fifteenth of September following when he was discharged at Schoharie aforesaid.

That he resided at Schoharie aforesaid at the different periods of time when he entered the service and that he served as a private during each period and that he was briefly employed in scouting and keeping garrison. That he had no documentary evidence.

And to the particular interrogatories of the court he answered that he was born as he has been told and he believed, in the town of Schoharie in the County of Schoharie and State of New York, the 19th day of September 1760. He thinks his age is recorded in the high Dutch Church book in Schoharie aforesaid. That he was living in the town of Schoharie in the County of Schoharie and date aforesaid when he was called into the service and lived there till the year 1788, when he removed to an adjoining town called Bern, in the County of Albany and state aforesaid, where he has lived ever since and now lives. That each time he entered the service he was ordered into it by an officer. That he was acquainted with Captain Patrick (4) and Lieutenant

Maynard who he thinks were Continental officers, he was also acquainted with Colonel DuBois, (5) had not recollect of many Continental officers being stationed at Schoharie for any considerable time. That he never had a written discharge. He is acquainted with Jacob Schoolcraft; Jacob Becker and Abraham Bergh (6) who he thinks can testify to his character for veracity and to their belief of his service as a soldier of the Revolution.

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.

NB The word "or annuity" in the second line at [?] were interlined before sworn to.

And the reasons for his making application in the County of Schoharie are that he entered in the town and county of Schoharie and but a few miles from where the courts are held in said town and county. That he now lives near the line of the Town of Schoharie and within seven or eight miles of Schoharie Court House and to where the courts are held in the ?? in which he lives (as the road goes) is more than twenty miles and that is much more convenient for him to make application in Schoharie than in the county in which he lives and much more convenient for his witnesses to attend at Schoharie where they reside and further that the Judges of the County of Schoharie, he believes are well acquainted with his witnesses and can testify to their credibility and that they are acquainted with him and one of them at least has known of his having been a soldier of the Revolution.

Sworn and Subscribed the day and year aforesaid in open court. John Gebhard Jr. Clk.

(Signed) Johan Jost Dietz.

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1. John is listed as Jost and as a fifer in Captain Christian Stubrach's First Company in Colonel Peter Vrooman's Fifteenth Regiment of Albany County Militia.
2. It is interesting that he doesn't mention Sir John Johnson's raid into the Schoharie Valley on October 17, 1780. Johnson and his men fired upon the Lower Fort for several hours before they gave up on their attempt to take the fort.
3. At some time during the War of Independence Johan served as a fifer in Captain Dirck Miller's Company in Colonel Vrooman's Regiment.
4. Captain William Patrick and Lieutenant Jonathan Maynard were officers in Colonel Ichabod Alden's Sixth Massachusetts Continental Regiment. Captain Patrick was killed and Lieutenant Maynard was taken prisoner at the Battle of Cobleskill on May 30, 1778.
5. Lewis DuBois was the Colonel of the Fifth New York Continental Regiment. Colonel DuBois and the Fifth New York spent the winter of 1778-1779 at Schoharie. While there they built a blockhouse in Cobleskill and named it Fort DuBois in honor of their Colonel.
6. These men had served in Colonel Vrooman's Regiment.