

Pension Application for Isaac Doty

S.23200

Staate of New York

Washington County SS.

On this twelfth day of September 1832 personally appeared before James Moss—one of the Judges of the County Courts of the County of Washington & State aforesaid Isaac Doty who is unable to attend the Court to make his declaration and the said Isaac Doty a resident of the Town of Granville in the County of Washington and State of New York aged seventy three years on the thirty first day of May last past 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.

That he enlisted in Captain John McKinstry's Company at NobleTown then Albany County and State of New York In Col. Pattersons Regiment of Massachusetts Troops and what brigade he does not know in the later part of May he believes in the year 1775 to serve from thence to the first day of January then next following being for the term of seven months.

That at the time of his enlistment, he lived in Spencertown adjoining NobleTown that he marched with the Company to Boston through Barrington & Springfield in Massachusetts on the direct road to Boston that he lay with his Company and Regiment in the Fort between Prospect Hill & Licknier's Point during the Summer of 1775 and in barracks near by until January 1776 that he served faithfully in the said Company until the said first of January when he was discharged but not in writing.

That during this campaign he knew his aforesaid Captain and his Lieutenant Thomas McKinstry & his Lieutenant John Penere of the same Company & his Col. Patterson and well remembers Gen. Putnam coming down where he was stationed on guard there having been during the night a great quantity of shells & balls the thrown by the British at the breast work erected the night before that he was in no battle during this during this term of his service.

And he further saith that in the latter part of January or first of February in the year 1776 he enlisted again at Nobletown in the same company under the same officers as above stated and in the same Regiment under the same Col. Patterson from that time to the first day of January then following that about the first of March the company & he with it marched to Springfield in Massachusetts where they received news that the British had evacuated Boston when they were ordered to New London in Connecticut that they marched directly there where they joined their Regiment and took shipping [shipping] and sailed to New York where they staid [stayed] a few weeks from thence they were ordered to Canada sailed in sloops to Balany from thence marched up the Hudson river thence to Fort Ann & Whitehall from thence in Batteaus to St. Johns in Lower Canada and arrived there in the month of May from thence this regiment marched to Montreal and thence a part of the Regiment marched to relieve a post at the Cedars up the St. Lawrence but before they arrived the place was

surrendered to the British and the forts burnt, was engaged with the British, many killed and the remainder taken as prisoners, among whom his Captain was wounded & taken and all that part of his company who went being he thinks twenty six. That he was not with those who went on this occasion.

On the news arriving at the army Genl Arnold with a body of men went up the St. Lawrence to engage the British & retake the prisoners. That the British seeing the strength sent a flag of truce and by arrangement the prisoners were released that they then returned to Montreal and to Chambles where the troops inoculated for Small Pox and retreated out of Canada to Crown Point and then to Mount Independence where they staid until late in the fall of the year and then the Regiment was ordered to the Southward marched to Albany where he was taken sick and left by his officers, and remained sick until after the end of his term of enlistment, in this Campaign he knew General Arnold and Major Shuberne of Col. Pattersons Regiment he thinks that being left at Albany he received no discharge nor did he again join his regiment.

And he further saith that in the month of July 1777 he was called upon with the militia and went with them to Forts Edwards from Spencertown where he then lived, in Cap Barrett's Company remembers Lieutenant Barnes of said Company being there more particularly than the Captain in which company he served about one month when he returned home and in a few days he thinks early in August 1777, the militia were classed and he volunteered to go for three months he thinks that he went on this occasion from Spencertown he believes in Capt McKinstry's Company of the Levies his Lieutenant he does not remember but well recollects that Samuel Utley was ensign of said Company the Regiment to which he was attached he does not remember nor what Brigade, that they marched for and arrived at Stillwater, and was stationed near the Hudson river easterly from Bemis Heights until Burgoyne's retreat up the river towards Saratoga when he was sent on with the Rifle men on the left flank of Burgoyne's retreating army which as between them and the River and they followed the British he supposes until they halted in Saratoga when the British fired upon them not far from Saratoga meeting house where there was considerable of an engagement with the cannon on Both sides—

And the next he remembers was a repation [repetition] of arms for some time and afterward Burgoyne surrendered his army prisoners of war he remembers will being on Sentry when the British army all passed him after depositing their arms, as agreed upon.

That he does not remember at what time he was discharged but recollects that from his entering on this Campaign to the time of his being Dismissed was about three months including the service of about one month in July as above stated & perhaps more. That in this campaign he knew General Fellows there and a great many he saw but does not distinctly recollect names.

And he further saith that he was at the fort at Schoharie where there were two Companies of Levis Stationed a few riflemen and Indians but under what officers he has wholly forgotten and cannot remember the year that he [?] time served one month or more and was relieved by the other Levies coming in when he was dismissed and all

he recollects of the year is that he was in the Summer season & he believes before harvest.

And he further saith that he was at another year & he believes the next year after his being at Schorrie aforesaid at Cherry Valley but the summer season for the time of one month with the Levies so called, but does not now remember the names of any [of] the officers, there was not over two companies, that he well recollects being out on a four days Scout west of Cherry Valley about thirty or forty miles they came across a house which they supposed to be owned and occupied by a Tory they found a Large quantity of Bread baked that they hung up the owner as long as they could do without killing him to gain information from him and did so several times but he pretended to be friendly & confided nothing we took his bread & let him go at this time he served one month and afterwards was relieved by others.

And he further saith that at another time he was at the Fort at Schorrie [Schoharie] at the time the Town was burned that they defended the Fort Successfully but could not prevent the burning of the Town as the enemy were numerous with Indians and Tories who retreated on to the Mohawk River and the next day they went in pursuit of the enemy and coming to the Mohawk and up the German Flatts, he saw Governor Clinton with the Troops who had gone from some other place that he followed about a days march beyond German flatts when they returned to German flatts and he believes his term of service there expired and they were dismissed & he returned home that at this time he served one month he does not remember the names of any of his officers on this occasion nor the names of any of his officers on this occasion nor the year or time of year but thinks it must be 177[9? blot] and in the fall of that year.

And he further saith that at another time and he believes in the year 1781, he volunteered with the militia for the term of four months and he believes about the month of July of that year under Lieutenant John Spencer the Captain did not appear, and was under Col. Willett that he marched to German flatts where they remained until Col. Willett marched after the enemy who had been burning near Johnstown.

That they came across the enemy about sunrise in the fall of the year and he remembers the day before it snowed & rained that the fight continued until in the afternoon and came to the Canada Creek west of Johnstown & north of the German flatts where the Tory Butler was killed on crossing the creek with a number more, and being hindered in crossing the creek with a number more, and being hindered in crossing the creek the enemy escaped. That they took on that day a Tory Lietenant and a number privates—they returned to the German flatts where he continued in the service until about December thereafter when he was at the expiration of his four months dismissed. That in this service he knew Capt. Thomas Skinner of the four months service who was stationed in the fort. The fort was commanded by a French Major whose name he has forgotten and he further saith he does not know of any person living & has been unable to learn of any person who can testify to his services other than Nathan R. Crippen & Joseph Crippen whose affidavits are hereto annexed.

That he never received a written discharge at any time.

And as to the questions required to be put by the Secretary of War he saith 1st that he was born on the 31st day of may 1759 in Sharon Connecticut.

2nd That he has a record of his age in his bible at home.

3rd that at each time of his entering the service he lived in Spencertown, then County of Albany & State of New York and lived there until after the ar of the revolution that from thence he removed to New Lebanon In 1783, lived there about two years from thence removed to Granville Washington County &b State of New York where he has ever since & still lives.

4th That he was called into the service as above severally stated and never went as a substitute for ;any individual to his knowledge.

5th As to the names of Regular officers or militia he cannot state other than he has in the body of his Declaration above that he is very infirm that he has had considerable sickness latterly and his memory has become impaired. In his short tour of services at Schorrie & Cherry Valley he spent considerable time in scouting in guarding against Indians & Tories.

6th That he never received a written discharge at any time.

7th That he is known to the following person in his neighborhood & Town, John Spencer, Leonard Gibbs Esqr, Samuel Standish Jr, Esqr, PostMaster and Abraham Reed and many others. He well recollects being out every year during seven years of the war.

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 whatever and he further states that no clergyman resides in the neighborhood of and thinks said Isaau Doty who can testify to his services as a soldier of the Revolution.

Sworn & subscribed the day and year aforesaid said by making his mark before me. John Moss. (Signed with his mark) Isaac Doty

Letter in folder dated December 30, 1936, written in response to an inquiry.

I have to advise you, that from the papers in the pension claim, S.23200, it appears that Isaac Doty was born May 31, 1759 at Sharon, Connecticut.

While living at Spencertown, Albany County, New York, he enlisted in May 1775 and served until January 1, 1777, as a private in Captain John McKinstry's Company, Colonel Patterson's Massachusetts Regiment.

In July 1777, he served one month, in Captain Barret's Company and from August 177, he served four months in Captain McKinstry's Company of New York Militia, and was at the battle of Saratoga.

From July 1781, he served four months, under Lieutenant John Spencer in Colonel Willett's New York Regiment and was at the battle of Johnstown.

He was also in service three months at Schoharie and Cherry Valley, officers and dates not given.

He was allowed pension on his application executed September 12, 1832, while living in Granville, Washington County, New York.

There is no data on file as to family.