

**Pension Application for John Echert or Johannis Eckert**

S.22747

State of New York

Ulster County SS.

On this eleventh day of September in the year one thousand eight hundred and thirty two, personally appeared in open court before the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in and for the County of Ulster aforesaid now sitting at the Court House in Kingston in said County, Johannis Eckert of the Town of New Paltz in the County of Ulster aforesaid aged eighty five 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 so passed June 7<sup>th</sup> 1832.

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

In the beginning of the month of August in the year one thousand seven hundred and seventy six, he volunteered to serve his country against the British for the term of five months at the Town of New Paltz aforesaid, in a company of militia whereof Jacob Hasbrouck Jun'r was Captain, Abraham Deyo was first Lieutenant, Frederick Westbrook served Lieutenant and Reuben Dewitt Ensign, from New Paltz said company marched to Esopus, where we entered on board of a Sloop and went by water to Fort Montgomery in the County of Orange after laying at this place for one day we went by water to VerPlanks Point, on the east side of the Hudson River in the County of Westchester, from here we marched by land to Kingsbridge were [where] we lay for sometime—

The regulars landed on Long Island and the British had possession of New York—some of them went up the East River deponent was marched to White Plains from thence to Peekskill thence Fort Constitution where the company lay until the first of January whence they were all honorably discharged and the whole company returned home, no written discharges were given at this time.

Deponent's company belonged to Col. Pauldings Regiment, General Clinton had command of the troops, we were engaged mostly where in Westchester in guarding the inhabitants from the incursions of the British and tories who were continually plundering the county—Abraham Palmateer and John York who are now living belonged to the same company with this deponent the said York returned home sick said Palmateer's affidavit is hereinto annexed.

This year one thousand seven hundred and seventy seven the County of Ulster and Orange were kept in continual alarm, the British threatening on the south and the Indians on the west, in connection with many tories and disaffected persons among us, our militia were kept in constant readiness to march in a body on short notice to the threatened points—they were also put in classes or detachments, for actual duty, each on in a class of four, having to serve alternately one month—about the first of April this year deponent volunteered out of his class to serve one month, under Captain John Hasbrouck and Lieutenant Derick Westbrook, he marched to Newburgh and from thence through to Highlands to Fort Montgomery and Fort Clinton

in the County of Orange, deponent was engaged in fortifying these places, at the expiration of this month deponent was to have been relieved by one Slayton, who became disaffected and instead of coming to relieve this deponent undertook to pilot one Meddaugh to the British Army—they were taken by some of our men in the highlands, and brought to the Fort by some of our men in the highlands, and brought to the effort by some of our men in the highlands, and brought to the Fort in consequence of this deponent, served out another month which expired in month of June, when this deponent at the expiration of said two months was Honorably discharged at Fort Clinton and received the permit hereunto annexed signed same McCloughey Col, to return home—during this time Col. Paulding and Col. McCloughry and General George Clinton commanded—There were some Continental troops and other Militia at these forts during this time, but deponents recollection is too indistinct to describe them particularly.

He however remembers Ernest Terwilliger who served those two months in Captain John Hardenberghs company. That said Terwilliger and this deponent were discharged and returned home together as stated in the affidavit of said Terwilliger accompanying this declaration.

About the first of October this year (1777) an alarm was made on the approach of Burgoyne's Army at the north, deponent volunteered under Captains John Hardenbergh and Lieutenant Abraham Deyo—in Col. Hornbeck's Regiment—we marched directly to Stillwater in the County of Saratoga and after the surrender of the British army we took charge of one hundred and fifty prisoners and brought them to Albany, while here Henry Paulding brought the news to Col. Hornbeck that Fort Montgomery was taken—we shortly returned home—having been absent about two weeks—General Cantine was with us at this time.—

During the years one thousand seven hundred and seventy eight, seventy nine, and eighty deponent was kept in constant readiness to meet the enemy which was the case with all the militia in this town (New Paltz) and within this time deponent was in actual service for five months, in terms of one month each—where I was under the command of Captain Abraham Deyo at these times Ernest Terwilliger above named was with me, the other times was under the command of Captain John Hardenbergh, and of Joseph Hasbrouck who was either a Lieutenant or an Ensign.

We were employed in guarding the Indian [?] in the towns of Rochester and Wawarsing, the surrounding mountains, times filled with Indians, and we were out on scouts nearly all the time, some times in one place and then in another.

John York was with me at one of these times of service and this deponent says in answer to the questions put to him by the said court in the County of Ulster.

That he was born near Staatsburgh in the County of Dutchess, State of New York on the twenty fourth day of October in the year one thousand seven hundred and forty six.

He has a record of his age written in High Dutch by his father—during the revolutionary war I lived in the Town of New Paltz aforesaid, and have lived there ever since.—

Deponent when called into service entered it as a volunteer.

In addition to the officers above mentioned remembers to have seen General Putnam at Kings Bridge and General Sullivan at EastChester. He cannot recollect the Continental and militia Regiments which he saw and served—nor state the circumstances of his service more particularly than above set forth in this declaration.

Deponent never received a written discharge.

Deponent is known to Abraham A. Deyo Esqr one of the Judges of Ulster County and to Levi Hasbrouck, Esqr residing in the neighborhood with this deponent who can testify to his character for veracity and their belief of his services 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 list roll of the agency of any state.—

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid. (Signed with his mark)  
Johannis Eckers

A. D. Soper, First Judge & A.G. Hardenbergh, John A. Deyo, John Jensen,  
Judges.