

Pension Application for John Felter

W.21106 (Widow: Martha) Married April 6, 1787, John died September 11, 1836.

State of New York

Rockland County SS.

On this twenty ninth day of November in the year A.D. 1832, personally appeared in open court before the Judges of the court of Common Pleas [Pleas] now sitting, John Felter, a resident of the town of Haverstraw, in the County of Rockland and State of New York aged seventy four years, the twenty second day of October 1832, 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 in the month of June 1776 he entered the service in a company commanded by Capt. Avery Smith in a Regiment commanded by Coln A. Hawkes Hay, and served as herein stated.

That in the month of June 1776 he entered the service in a company commanded by Capt. Avery Smith, in a Regiment commanded by Coln A. Hawkes Hay, and served therein for one month a guarding at a place called Nyack, then about the last of July or the first of August, he enlisted at Nyack—aforsaid for five months, in a company commanded by Capt. Abm Onderdonk Isaac Coe and Osborn—Lieutenant, in a Regiment commanded by Coln Graham, and first went to Haverstraw where they remained some time, then went to Red Hills, near Peekskill.—where they remained until the first of January 1777 was then discharged and he went home.

Then about the first of April following at Haverstraw, he enlisted for one year, in a company commanded by Capt. William Slow, who was a Capt. in the continental line, but to what regiment he belonged to him [sic] is not known, but received his orders principally from Genl Washington, and was stationed at Stony Point and remained there on duty until the British army drove them off, then went to Fort Montgomery then to West Point, then to Fishkill until the British left Stony Point when they returned to their first station, was at Fort Montgomery [sic] when it was taken by the British army.

And after his term of service was expired, about the first of May 1778, he again entered the service under the aforsaid Capt. Avery Smith, and served under him until the close of the Revolutionary War that while in the service under the aforsaid Capt. Smith he was principally employed in guarding along the Hudson River from Stony Point to Closter and sometimes they would go out in scouting they would go out in scouting parties through different parts of the now county of Rockland and the County of Bergen, in the State of New Jersey, that during the years 78, 79, and 80, he had very little time to be at his home and in the years 81 and 82, he had much more rest that positively to stat[e] the exact time he was actually out on duty under Capt. Smith, he is now unable but can confidentially declare that it exceeds two year[s] that he has no documentary evidence of any of his above recited services as he at no time received his discharge in writing, that during the war he resided in the now town of Clarkstown

in the County of Rockland aforesaid, since the war he has resided for some time in New York, from thence he removed to the Township of Saddle river in the county of Bergen and State of New Jersey, from thence to his present residence in the Town of Haverstraw aforesaid where he has resided for many years and is known by all his neighbor for many miles.

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.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid in open court. (Signed)
John Felter
David Pye, Clerk