

Pension Application for John Felthousen

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State of New York

County of Schenectady SS.

On this eighteenth day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & thirty two personally appeared in open court before the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in and for said county now sitting John Felthousen a resident of the City of Schenectady in said county and State, aged sixty eight years and upwards, 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.

He was born in the then township of Schenectady in the then County of Albany, now City of Schenectady in the County of Schenectady in said State of New York on the 12th day of January 1764.

He has no record of his age except that entered by his parents in a small volume of Dutch Psalms.

When he was called into the service of the United States in the army of the revolution he was living in the aforesaid township now City of Schenectady and since the revolutionary war he has and still does continue to live in or near the place of his birth.—

He entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated.

In the year 1779 when only 15 years of age, he served as a substitute for his father Christopher Felthousen, and other persons whose names are not now recollected, & was engaged in mounting guard at the fortress in Schenectady for the term of least two months.

In the spring of the year 1780, he enlisted in Captain McGee's Company of Levies or State troops in Colonel Morris Graham's Regiment and served therein for the full term of four months. His other company & field officers whom he recollects were Jellis A. Fonda Adjutant.

While in this engagement of four months he marched to & performed duty at West Point & Dobb's ferry and other posts in that vicinity, took a part in the encounter had with a British Brig at the last named place—then marched to Fort Edward, where he served out his term of four months as aforesaid.

He was then enrolled in Captain John B. Vrooman's Company of Militia & served therein until the end of said war.

His other company & field officers whom he recollects were John B. Vrooman Lieutenant (afterwards Captain) Abraham Wemple, Colonels Abraham Swits & Myndert Wemple Majors and John Quackenboss Lieutenant.

While in the Militia he marched to Beaverdam twice also to Fort Hunter to Fort Paris in Stone Arabia, where he performed garrison duty about one month, also to Johnstown—on which occasion he was on duty three or 4 weeks. When not in these expeditions he mounted guard at Schenectady as aforesaid, and he honestly believes

and can testify that the period for which he served his country in the garrison and in the field exceeds twelve—months exclusive of the time he was actually on duty at Schenectady subsequent to his engagement in Captain McGee's Company of state troops aforesaid making the whole period of his services in said war upwards of two years.

The following are the names of some of the regular officers whom he knew, or who were with the troops where he served, and such continental and militia regiments or companies with which he served, or as he can recollect, viz: Colonel Marinus Willett Col. Gansevoort, General Schuyler, Colonel VanDyck, Col. VanSchaick & [ends here]

He has never received any written discharge from the service.

He has no documentary evidence, and knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service except those whose depositions are hereunto annexed.

The following are the names of persons who whom he is known neighborhood, and who can testify as to his character for veracity, and their belief of his services as a soldier of the revolution, to wit. John S. TenEyck and John J. Schmerhorn.

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. (Signed) John Flethousen

Subscribed and sworn to the day and year first aforesaid. John S. Vrooman,
Clerk