

Pension Application for John A. Ferris

W.7252

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State of New York

County of Clinton SS.

On this twelfth day of May 1829 personally appeared in the Court of Common Pleas of the County of Clinton & State of New York before the Judges thereof in open court being a court of Record pursuant to an act of the Legislature of the said State, John A. Ferris resident in the Town of Plattsburgh in said County of Clinton aged sixty seven years who being first sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the acts of Congress of the 18th March 1815 & the 1st of May 1820 that he the said John A. Ferris enlisted as a private for the term of nine months in the month of April in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred & seventy nine in the state of New York in the company commanded by Captain Isaac Woods in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Paulding in the line of the State of New York on the Continental Establishment, that he continued to serve in the said corps until the month of February 1780 when he was discharged from the service at Stony Point in the said State of New York.

That immediately thereafter and in the same month of February 1780 the said John A. Ferris again enlisted in Dutchess County in said State of New York in the company commanded by Captain Robert R. Walker of the Corps of artillery in Colonel Lambs Regiment in the line of the State of New York on the Continental Establishment.

That he continued to serve in the said corps until the summer or fall of 1781 when he was discharged from the service in February in the State of New Jersey.

That he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a Pension Roll of any State and that the following are the reasons for not making earlier application for a pension namely that after the said John A. Ferris' papers were first made out, they were forwarded to the war department and returned for a more particular statement

Letter in folder dated February 17, 1930, written in response to an inquiry.

I advise you from the papers in the Revolutionary War pension claim, W.7252, it appears that John A. Ferris was born sometime between the years 1759 and 1764, place not stated.

He enlisted at Swago, Dutchess County, New York, about the commencement of the war and served one year as a private in Captain Philip Cooper's Company of New York Rangers.

In 1777 he enlisted and served three months in Captain Chamberlin's Company, Colonel Grahams New York Regiment, and three months under Captain Steward and Colonel Alden in the New York troops.

He also served three months, dates not shown, at Cherry Valley under Captain McKinstry and Colonel McKinstry, New York troops.

He enlisted in April 1779, served as a private in Captain Isaac Wood's Company, Colonel Pawling's New York Regiment [in handwriting 'Found in N.Y. book'] was in "Sullivan's Campaign" and was discharged in February 1780. He immediately reenlisted, in February 1780, served as a private in Captains Robert R. Walker's and Reed's Companies, Colonel Lamb's Continental Regiment of Artillery; in April 1780 was promoted to 4th Sergeant and was discharged the latter part of November 1781.

He was allowed pension on his application executed May 12, 1829 at which time he was a resident of Plattsburg, Clinton County, New York.

In 1829 he referred to his wife Mary then aged eighty-nine years. There is no further information relative to her. A son John was referred to in 1810.

The soldier married November 5, 1836, at Plattsburg, New York, Freelove S., the widow of Benjamin Addison. They were married at the residence of the widow's daughter Elizabeth C., the wife of George W. Platt.

The soldier died March 3, 1853 at his residence in Plattsburg, New York.

Said Freelove S. Ferris was allowed pension on her application executed September 28, 1853, at which time she was seventy-two years of age and resided in Albany, Albany County, New York, with George W. and Elizabeth C. Platt. The widow died February 9, 1856.

The name Julia Platt appears. No relationship is stated.