

Pension Application for John Fidler

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State of New York

Ontario County SS.

On this twenty-seventh day of August 1832 personally appeared in open court before the Judges of the County Courts now sitting John Fidler a resident of the Town of Victor County and State aforesaid aged seventy two 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 passed June 7, 1832.

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

1st At Northeast County of Dutchess and State of New York on or about the 1st July 1778, he was called out in Captain Smits Company in Colonel Grahams Regiment and was marched to West Point and done duty there for one month, and was then discharged and went home.

2^d About ten days after my return home enlisted again for one month in Captain Graham's Company same Regiment, and went back to West Point, and done duty there on fatigue at Fort Putnam and when his time was out was discharged and went home. He saw General Washington at West Point.

3^d The same year was called out again in Captain Ostrum's Company and was marched to Esopus and went about thirty miles west to Warwassing, against the Indians and was out one month, this was late in the fall, and snow had fallen before me left.

4th After this the year he does not remember he enlisted at Ancrum for four months in Captain Ellsworth[']s] Company to go on an expedition on the Mohawk against the Indians was marched to Claverick, Kinderhook and, Albany and then to Schenectady and lay at that place about two weeks, and then marched to Johnstown and then marched to Johnstown and then to Fort Plain and saw Colonel Willett there. And he this declarant went on to Fort Herkimer, and was stationed sometime at Fort Eason (German Flatts) then went to Fort Stanwix and after being there about three weeks, was ordered to destroy the Fort and then returned to Fort Herkimer, and while here went out with Captain Ellsworth in a party of about twenty men, distant four miles, where Captain Ellsworth and two others were killed, two wounded and 5 or six were taken prisoners. This declarant escaped and returned to the Fort. After the time expired, he was discharged and went home.

Besides the foregoing he was one week on duty at Stoney Point erecting a Battery. This was before he went on this late expedition.

Has no documentary evidence – never had any, and he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service.

Was born in Germany on 15th April 1760 and came to America in 1775 – since the war lived at Rhinebeck and Red Hook – during the late War was in Colonels Talmadge's Regiment. (46th Regt) and since then has lived at Rhinebeck until about 6

years since when he moved to Ontario County and now resides at Victor in said County.

He knows James Winkler Abijah Northrop of Victor.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares hi shame is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state. He cannot read nor write, nor never could. (Signed with his mark) John Fidler

Sworn & Subscribed the day & year aforesaid in open court. Charles Crane, Clerk of the said Court.