

Pension Application for John Fort

R.3675

Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress of June 7, 1832.

State of New York

County of Rensselaer SS.

On this seventh day of February personally appeared in open court, before the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas of Rensselaer County now sitting, John Fort, a resident of Hoosick in the county of Rensselaer and State of New York, aged seventy eight 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.

That applicant entered the service under Captain Elias Golden in the summer of 1777 at Cambridge then County of Albany; immediately after being mustered, the company marched to Bennington, when and where the battle took place, between the Americans & British Troops in which engagement applicant, was afterwards was ordered to Mastey Hill and remained there a short time then was ordered on the meet the British under Burgoyne, and on the march to Saratoga Burgoyne surrendered—remained at Saratoga several days on the arrival of the army at that place—shortly afterwards, was ordered & marched to Jessups patent, and marched back & forward guarding the frontiers until in the winter—when he was discharged—was in the regiment commanded by Col. VanVort—to which the company belonged—Major Aston had the immediate command when applicant was mustered and when he was discharged—was out at this time four months—

Early in the Spring of 1778, as he thinks of April he volunteered under Captain John Whiteside in Col. VanVorts Regiment at Cambridge where applicant resided marched to Fort Edward where deponent remained during the summer & fall, after staying out six months or more—when he was discharged again by Major Aston who then had the command, until further orders—

In the Spring of 1779 was again mustered under Captain John Whiteside at Cambridge by order of Major Asten—This deponent has procured the original Muster Roll of said Company which is hereto annexed—was marched again to Fort Edward and to Lake George and was traversing the country from Fort Edward to Lake George & Fort Edward during the summer & fall and until it was understood there was no danger from the enemy on account of the cold weather was discharged until further orders in November after being out eight months.

In the spring of the ensuing year he again volunteered at Cambridge under Captain King this was in the spring of 1780 was out daily all summer, marching from place to place and attending alarms and guarding the frontier until some time in September or October, being out this time for at least six months.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity, except the present, and he declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state. (Signed with his mark) John Fort

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid in open court. H. R. Bristol, Clerk

Letter in folder dated July 21, 1926, written in response to an inquiry.

I have to advise you from the papers in the Revolutionary War pension claim R.3675, it appears that John Fort applied for pension, February 7, 1837, while a resident of Hoosick, Rensselaer County, New York, aged seventy-eight years, and alleged that he served in the New York Troops, as follows—

In the summer of 1777, four months under Captain Elias Golden and Colonel VanWoert, and was in the Battle of Bennington.

From April 1778, six months under Captain John Whiteside and Colonel VanWoert.

From the spring of 1779, eight months under Captain John Whiteside.

From the spring of 1780, six months under Captain King.

The claim was not allowed, as there was not sufficient proof of his services, as required by the pension laws.

He died April 15, 1841 at Easton, Washington County, New York; and his widow (Her name is not stated) died in September 1841, there are no further details about her.

A son, Isaac, was living in Hoosick, New York in 1855.

The above noted John (Johannes) Fort is the only soldier of that name found on the Revolutionary War records of this Bureau.