

Pension Application for James German

W.25620 (Widow: Elizabeth) Married January 2, 1782 by a minister named Tanney.
James Died June 7, 1849.

State of New York

County of Tompkins

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

On this 3rd day of October personally appeared in open court before the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas of Tompkins County now sitting, James German, a resident of the town of Caroline in the county of Tompkins and state of New York aged sixty nine 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 7th 1832. That he entered the service of the United States, under the following names officers and served has herein stated.

That he enlisted into said service at the Town of Saratoga on the East side of the North River in the State of New York where he then resided for the term of seven months in a company under the command of Captain Seth Sherwood, and Lieutenant Thomas Boadshaw in a Regiment of New York State troops commanded by Colonel ____ Warner—that he was so enlisted and enrolled as a private in said company on the first of May seventeen hundred and eighty and when he was sixteen years of age on the fourth day of October proceeding his said enlistment.

After his said enlistment as aforesaid he together with the aforesaid Company under the command of Captain Sherwood marched to Fort Edwards [Fort Edward] on the North River about fifty miles above Albany where they were stationed as a guard to that Fort.

He continued in the aforesaid service at and in the vicinity of Ford Edwards until in the forepart of October of the same year when he marched with the aforesaid Company to Schenectady and from thence to Fort Stanwix until the last of November when they marched to Schenectady and were there discharged from the service on the first day of December 1780—(the time for which he enlisted having then expired.

That at the time and during his service at Fort Edwards as aforesaid a part of the Regiment under the command of Col. Warner were stationed with this applicant at Fort Edwards and a part at Fort George fourteen miles up the North River from said Fort Edwards.

That according to the best of his recollection during that service Col. Warner was the commanding officer at Fort George and Major Chipman who was also an officer in Col. Warner's Regiment commanded at Fort Edwards.

That ____Hopkins was the adjutant in the aforesaid Regiment who was killed in a skirmish with the Indians between Fort George & Fort Edwards in or about the month of August 1780 and that Lieutenant Coon was also killed at the same time and Col. Warner was severely wounded by a shot he things through the left shoulder. His horse was also wounded so that he was compelled to leave his horse procure another and proceeded to Fort Edwards—

That at the time this applicant left Fort Edwards as aforesaid there were men launched from different companies at that fort to join with other troops at Schenectady and proceed from thence to Fort Stanwix to deliver soldiers who had previously been stationed there but whose terms of service had expired.—

That at their arrival at Schenectady on their march to Fort Stanwix as aforesaid their corps were there reorganized and this declarant from thence served as a private in Capt. _____Froman's Company. He recollects of no officer higher than a Capt who took command of their Corps (Consisting of about 160 men) from Schenectady to Fort Stanwix—And that on their arrival at & during their service at Fort Stanwix—the soldiers there were under the command of Major Hughs.

That during his said service at Fort Stanwix under Maj. Hughs & in said Capt Forman's Company Genl VanRanselaer [sic] who was then commanding a body of men further down the Mohawk River gave orders for a body of soldiers at Fort Stanwix to proceed at or near the Oneida Lake and cut off a number of boats & water crafts belonging to the British & Indians in the Lake.

That a body of men were accordingly sent from their Fort (in number sixty six) who were all taken prisoners except two who afterwards returned to the fort.

That he has no documentary evidence and that he knows of no person living whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his said services other than that of Sarah Whiting whose affidavit is hereunto annexed. (James German)

The following questions were propounded by the Court to the applicant.

1. Where and in what year were you born?

Answer. In Dutchess County N. York in 1763 the 4th of October.

2. Have you any record of your age, and if so where is it?

Answer. I have no record. My father could not write.

3. Where were you living when called into service; where have you lived since the Revolutionary war; and where do you now live?

Answer. Was living when called to serve at Botenkill [Battenkill?] Saratoga Co., N.York—After lived in Washington Co., Montgomery County, now lives in Caroline, Tompkins Co., N.Y.

4. How were you called into service; were you drafted, did you volunteer, or were you a substitute; and if a substitute, for whom?

Answer. I volunteered.

5. State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops when you served; such continental and militia regiments as you can recollect, and the general circumstances of your service.

Answer. Don't recollect any continental officers—Knew Col. Warner, Maj. Hopkins, Capt. Sherwood, Capt. Harrison, in the Militia Maj. Hughs Commanded when I was at Fort Stanwix.

6. Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so by whom was it given, and what has become of it?

Answer. Don't recollect as I ever had a discharge in writing if so it is lost.

7. State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood, and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief of your services as a soldier of the Revolution.

Answer. Edward E. Dodge, Nathan Herrick, John M. Roe, Benjamin Liggett, Isaac Leggitt, John Cantine Esq., James Hardenburgh, Doc't Silas Hutchinson.

We Edward E. Dodge Clergyman residing in the town of Dryden and County of Tompkins and State of New York, and Nathan Herrick residing in Ithaca in said County hereby certify that we are well acquainted with James German who has subscribed and sworn to the above declaration, and that we believe him to be sixty nine years of age, and that he is reputed and believed in the neighbourhood where he resides, to have been a soldier of the Revolution, and that we concur in that option.

(Signed) Edward E. Dodge, Nathan Herrick

Sworn and subscribed, the day and year aforesaid. S. Love, clk