

Pension Application for John Green

R.4258

State of New York

County of Seneca SS.

Be it remembered that on the seventh day of February in the Term of February in the year of our Lord 1833 before the Court of Common Pleas now here holden at the Court House in the town of Ovid in & for the County of Seneca in the State of New York John Green a resident of the town of Benton in the County of Yates in the state aforesaid personally appeared, 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 entitled "An act supplementary to the act for the relief of certain surviving officers & soldiers of the Revolution" that is to say—I John Green of the town of Benton in the County of Yates State of New York do solemnly swear & declare, that I am of the age of seventy-seven years and that I served in the army of the United States in the war of the Revolution as follows—

I served as a private in Capt. Samuel Watkins Company in Col. McClaugherty's Regiment of Militia of the State of New York one month commencing in the month of May or June 1775 at I & the company to which I belonged worked in building Fort Montgomery on the North River seven miles below West Point – the whole regiment was not out at this time—the men were divided into classes & called out in their turns—Genl James Clinton had the command at Fort Montgomery at that time.

In the same year 1775 I served another month as a private belonging to the same company was at Fort Montgomery the second time & assisted in building the fort—a breastwork was made of fachines dirt & stone—batteries were also made—the fort was upon the high ground with a view of the river for some distance below & the batteries were intervened to prevent the British Shipping from coming up the river—

In the forepart of the year 1776 I served another tour of one month as a class militia man from the same company & was again at Fort Montgomery & worked upon the fort a greater part of the time—I donot remember the names of the officers I served under this tour, but General James Clinton had the command at the fort—after the last mentioned term of service was out & in the month of August 1776 I enlisted for five months in Capt. John Little's company in Col. Isaac Nicholl's Regiment (Lieut. Col. Cooper) under Brig. Genl George Clinton, served as a private this tour a part of the company & myself first went to Fort Montgomery & stayed thee about a week when the rest of the company came down, we then went down the river in a schooner & landed on the East side of the North River at the lower part of Tappan Bay & marched from there to Kingsbridge where the regiment was mustered together & was stationed at Kingsbridge—Gen. Heath was at Kingsbridge a part of the time –

I went from there to fort Washington three miles towards New York in a detachment several times during this tour—Also I was in a detachment of guards at Morriserry Point to prevent the British from landing & at our time a British Ship & several small craft commenced firing upon the Americans to cover the landing of their troops on Munser or Blackemore's Island—commenced building a Fort on Valentine's

Hill about half a mile from Kingsbridge—The British having effected a landing at GBrog's Neck & other places on the East River in such numbers that the American troops at Kingsbridge retreated sometime in October to White Plains where a battle was fought between the British & part of the American forces under Genl McDougal when the Americans retreated & the British pursued them into the town & there pitched their tents—I was not in this action but in plain view of it, Genl Clinton's brigade not being brought into the action it being though imprudent by Genl Washington as I was told to riske [risk] a general action—the American Army was then posted on the high ground above White Plains under Genl Washington—in about ten days after the affair with Genl McDougal, the British marched up & made an attack upon the American Encampment when a battle ensued & firing was kept up from about eight in the morning till past noon when the British retired to their encampment near the river—I was engaged in this battle—

Sometime in November the British retreated to winter quarters in New York & soon after my regiment marched to Peekskill where we remained until the first of January 1777 when I was discharged my term of service being out—In the campaign of 1777 I served several tours as a classed militia man & upon alarms the length of each tour I do not recollect but I am confident that I served in the whole more than six months during the Spring, Summer & Fall of 1777 all at Fort Montgomery & Fort Clinton on the North River – I do not recollect the names of the officers I served under at each tour, but at one tour tour [sic] I was in Capt. Watkins company at another in Capt. Tilford's & in another Capt. Humphrey's—

In the Fall of 1777 our whole company as called out after the taking of Fort Montgomery & all the militia in the neighborhood to prevent the British from ravaging the country bordering on the North River—

In the Spring of 1778 I moved from Walkill then in Ulster County to Middletown in Orange County & was there enrolled in Capt. Isaiah Veal's company of militia in Col. Newkirk's Regiment & during that year I served several tours as a classed militia man viz. two months at Peenpack on the Indian frontier West of the Shawangunk Mountains.

In the year 1777 I served as a classed militia man of the same company more than one month at Mamakating Hollow, also one month at Hank one mile West of Knippanock where a stone house was fortified & occupied as a fort—

In the year 1780 I served as a classed militia man one month at Lauren Hill in Ulster County N.Y. & was out several times upon alarms for shorter periods.

And I further say & declare that I do not know any person now living by whom I could prove my services above mentioned although there may be some of the soldiers that served with me still livings but if so they are at a great distance & their places of residence unknown—except William Bodle whose affidavit is hereunto annexed.

And to the interrogatories put to me by the court I answer as follows viz.

1. I was born in the town of Walkill in the County of Ulster now in Orange County State of New York and I was seventy-seven years of age on the eighth day of

February AD 1832 and I have a record of my age in my bible which I copied from my father's family bible about forty years ago or more.

2d I was living in the said town of Wallkill at the time I was first called into service & in the Spring of 1778 my father's family & myself moved to a place called Middletown now in Orange County N.Y. – Continued to reside in Orange County until the year 1804 when I moved into Romulus in the county of Seneca N.Y. where I have resided ever since until the first week in January 1833 when I moved to the town of Benton in the County of Yates N.Y. adjoining the town of Romulus where I now reside.

In addition to the officers names before mentioned when I was in the service I knew Genl Putnam see him at the White Plains.

I never received any written discharge—

While I resided in Romulus I was a member of the Rev. Mr. Wm. W. Brown's Church where I usually attended divine service—Mr. Brown now lives in Junis about twenty-three miles from Ovid where the court is not sitting—and I further declare that the whole amount of my said services in the Revolutionary War is upwards of one year & seven months – and I am confident that I was in the service several months more that [than?] time but I cannot state the terms of service except as above mentioned.
(Signed) John Green.

Sworn to in Open Court this Seventh day of February 1833—Seba Murphy clk

Sworn to and subscribed in open court this seventh day of February 1833.
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