

Pension Application for Abraham S. Groat

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State of New York

City and County of Albany SS.

On the twenty eighth day of March in the year one thousand eight hundred and thirty three appeared before me the subscriber one of the Justices of the Justices Court in the City of Albany Abraham S. Groat of the Town of Watervliet in the County of Albany and State of New York who being first duly sworn according to law in order to obtain in the benefit of the Act of Congress of the 7th June 1832 doth make the following Declaration.

That he was born in the Town of Niskayuna in the County of Schenectady sometime during the year 1760, as he has always been informed and does verily believe. That he knows of no record of his birth but has a copy of the record of his baptism from the Reformed Protestant Dutch Church in the said Town of Niskayuna from which it appears. That this declarant was christened on the sixth day of July 1760. That early in his life he moved to the Town of Watervliet in the County of Albany where he resides and has resided always as far back as his recollection extends.

That in the year 1778 he resided in the said Town of Watervliet. That in the spring of the year 1778 he was enrolled as a private soldier in the volunteer militia of the State of New York. That in the spring of the year 1778 he was called into actual service in the war of the Revolution as such private soldier. That his officers were Henry Ostrom Captain, Jacob Weaver Lieutenant, Peter S. Schuyler Ensign.

That during the year 1778 he was called into actual service and was actually engaged in the service of the United States in the war of the Revolution at Schoharie in the State of New York on four different occasions at one time for the space of thirty two days, and at three other times forty five days.

That his duty then was to guard the country against the disaffected and the Indians. That in the year 1779 he was again called out and sent to the same place for the same purpose and continued on such service during that year for the year of ninety nine days. That he was out in the Service of the United States in the said war of the Revolution during the following years in addition to the time above specified in the year 1780 one hundred & five days in the year 1781 thirty nine days in 1782 sixty six days. That these were, he has no doubt, the other times and other services which he was called to perform and which he cannot now recollect or detail.

That he never was in any battle according to the best of his recollection but was in a skirmish between Sir John Johnson and the Americans commanded by General VanRensselaer whose Christian name he does not recollect in the year 1782.

That he cannot at this late day detail all the names of the officers under whose command he was during the different period of his services, but recollects those whose he has named. That frequently owing to the consolidating of Regiments or companies their officers would be changed.

That he has no recollection of ever having been discharged or received a discharge and if he has the same is not lost or destroyed. That during the time he was in the service as before stated he was not employed in any civil pursuit.

That he is well acquainted with Isaac Groat, Peter Shafer, Henry Runkle, William Orlop and Wynant VanderBergh and that these gentlemen are all now living and reside in the Town of Watervliet aforesaid were in the service with him during the whole of the above detailed service and out as he does verily believe at every time he this declarant was out.

That he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the Pension Roll of the agency of any state.

And I the said Justice do hereby declare that from my personal knowledge of the declarant and the history he gives of his services I do believe that the above named applicant was a Revolutionary soldier and served as he states. (Signed) Abraham S. Groat.

Sworn and subscribed this 20th day of March 1833. Gerritt Dop one of the Justices of the Justices Court &c.