

Pension Application for Nicholas Groat

W.4212 (Widow: Esther)

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New York State

County of Delaware SS.

On this twenty fifth day of February in an [a] year 1840 personally appeared in open court in open court before the Court of Common Pleas now sitting, Nicholas Groat a resident of the town of Masonville in the County of Delaware and State of New York aged 78 years the 30th day of November last 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 17th 1832.

That I entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated viz—That in the year 1798 I the said Nicholas Groat was drafted I [he] thinks about the first od December into the company commanded by Capt. Benjamin Aylworth in Colonel Schuyler's Regiment New York militia or state troops that I was drafted for three months and served out the said term at fort Miller on the North or Hudson river.

That I was then drafted for the like term of three months and served out the same at fort Schuyler in Capt. Evans Company under the same Colonel Schuyler—Also drafted again at dunning [sic] Street now called Newtown for the like term of three months and served out the same in the company commanded by Capt. Benjamin Aylworth—also was again drafted and served in the company commanded by Capt. Banta at Saratoga Like but cannot recollect the time he served in this term—Also recollects of serving under Lieut. John VanVranker and likewise under Colonel Harmanus Windelll but the length of time and particular places of service cannot recollect.

That myself and others enlisted as minute men and were equipted and held in readiness to go and were frequently called on to go and did go and serve in short terms from one to sex or eight weeks until the close of the revolutionary war—I think that I served at least two years besides on many alarms for short periods near home.

That during the war I lived in the then County of Albany now County of Saratoga and was very much exposed and harassed by the Indians and tories and were almost all the time on duty on the frontier places in deference of the inhabitants and Country.

The greatest part of said services as minute man was under Capt. Banta I was kept out on duty so much the last 4 or 5 years of the war that I could do very little business of any other kind.

I hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity, except the present, and declare that my name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State. (Signed) Nicholas Groat

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid in open Court, February 25, 1840. C. B. Sheldon, Clerk.