

Pension Application for John Guy

S.13230

State of New York

Washington County SS.

On this twenty eight day of August in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty two personally appeared in open court before John Willard first Judge Charles Ingals, John Moss & Benjamin T. Skinner.

Holding the Court of Common Please now sitting in the Town of Salem in the County of Washington aforesaid; John Carey a resident of the Town of Kingsburg in the said County of Washington and State of New York aforesaid, aged sixty seven 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 and served as herein stated, under the following named officers.

That in April or May 1779 at the Town of Easton in the (then) County of Albany (now) Washington in the State of New York he enlisted under Captain Adiel Sherwood in what was designated the New York Levies raised to reinforce the Armies of the United States and particularly for the defence [defense] of the northern frontier. Ezekiel Roberts and Cornelius Baldwin were Lieutenants in the same company under Captain Sherwood. This time of enlistment was six months. Captain Sherwood and his company were assigned to garrison an outpost at Fort Ann where the said Adiel Sherwood was the commanding officer and he has no further knowledge of his superior officers employed to what regiment he was attached.

That on his enlistment aforesaid he forthwith repaired to his post at Fort Ann aforesaid where he was immediately appointed a Sergeant and was employed principally in Scouting until October then following whereon the 18th day of October aforesaid he was taken prisoner with his said officers and the entire garrison by a detachment of British Tories and Indians under the Command of Major Carton.

That his commander Captain Sherwood capitulated, and that by the terms of capitulation, they were to be conveyed to Canada by British Soldiers. That they were conducted through the wilderness to Ticonderoga, where contrary to the essential of capitulation they were given up to the Indians and by conducted to Montreal and sold to Col. Campbell for a half Joe a head. That their sufferings at Ticonderoga and through the whole route from hunger, thirst and fatigue were intense and all that human nature could endure.

At Montreal, he and his companions were forthwith imprisoned in a large stone building with iron gratings where they were confined for fourteen months. Here they endured the extremes of hunger, cold and nakedness, to which was now further added the disease of the scurvy. That himself and many other fellow prisoners were thereupon thrown into the hold of a vessel and conveyed ninety miles down the river to the general hospital where in six weeks, with kind treatment and good medical attendance, they were returned to health, and then remanded to their previous prison.

That shortly after he and many others were transported about fifty miles up the river to an Island and placed under a tory guard, whose treatment of the prisoners was cruel and [?]. That he remained on the Island till the close of the war when he was taken back with the other prisoners to Montreal and put on board a vessel bound to Quebec. That after a delay of twenty days and late in the season they were ordered to sail for Boston, where after on encountering a violent storm of sleet and snow in the gulf of St. Lawrence and narrowly escaping shipwreck they arrived late in the month of December in the year 1781.

He was then 200 miles from home, ragged and penniless but through the charity of his fellow citizens he was enabled to reach it and he returned again to his father's house in Easton aforesaid after an absence of two years and eight months. He remained with his father at Easton aforesaid about two years more, and then removed to the Town of Kingsbury aforesaid where he has resided ever since; and continues unto this day.

That he was born in the Town of Smithfield in the State of Rhode Island on the twelfth day of May in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and fifty five. That for this fact he depends upon the tradition of his parents and frequently upon his own memory which he believes true and correct, and that he has no record of his age. That for his character for veracity and his reputation for having rendered services as a soldier of the Revolution, he refers to the Honorable Nathaniel Pitcher member of Congress from the County of Washington aforesaid and to Henry C. Martindale Esq of the Village of Sandy Hill in said County.

That he has no documentary evidence of his service and such other testimony as he can procure is annexed to this declaration.

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. (Signed) John Jay

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid. J. S. Leigh Clk