

### **Pension Application for John Hanson**

W.17045 (Widow: Mary) John Hanson was born December 16, 1755. Mary was born in Dutchess County September 20, 1757. Married March 14, 1779. John died April 30, 1841.

State of New York

County of Warren SS.

On the sixteenth day of April in the year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty three personally appeared in open court before the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas now sitting John Hanson a resident of the town of Queensbury in the County of Warren and State of New York aged seventy eight years in December next 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 passed June 7, 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated.

That he entered the service on the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of April 1776 being drafted from a company of Militia that was ordered to be raised to guard the narrows below the City of New York to prevent the births landing; the said draft was made by the order of Genl Washington, and that he was discharged in the month of July then next after (near the middle of the month).

He served as a private in a company of which John Lane was captain and one Rutger (he believes) VanBrunt was Colonel. He met the company of drafts at Brooklyn on Land Island from there he marched to the Narrows on Long Island, and this was [the] only company stationed there. In July (believes) the [?] marched back to Flatbush and was there verbally discharged by Captain Lane. Lived at the time he was drafted in the town of Brooklyn Kings County Long Island, served at this time three months and ten days. The company he served in were a company of militia.

The next time he entered the service was the twentieth day of September 1776. He enlisted as aforesaid for two months in a company of militia who were employed in building a road from Fishkill through the highlands in the state of New York for the army under Washington to Fishkill was verbally discharged at the barracks at Fishkill. The company was commanded by Richard Southland—Derick Brinkerhoff was Colonel. He was discharges on the twentieth day of November in the same year and served at this time two months lived at the time he enlisted in Fishkill, in the County of Dutchess State of New York.

The next time he entered the service was the first day of December 1776 he enlisted as a private into a company of militia for one month marched from Fishkill aforesaid to Peekskill from there Crumpound from; there to North Castle & thence to White Plains all in the State of New York and was then employed in guarding the Tories. On the expiration of the month became a substitute for one Richard Jackson who was drafted from Fishkill for one months duty in the same company, at the expiration of the Second service he became a substitute for Jacob Dubois who was also drafted from the same place into the same company for the same time to wit, one month and was discharged at White Plains on the first day of March 1777 he thinks at

any rate he went home in his own time and with interval of three months, served at this time Three months to wit in the month of December for himself, in January for Richard Jackson, and in the month of February for Jacob Dubois, was verbally discharged by the Captain.

The captain's name was Jacob Griffin Lieutenants name Christian Dubois; Col. Derick Brinkerhoff commanded the Regiment—this company was the only one stationed there the whole three months there were some others there a short time. Lived at the time of enlisting at the Town of Fishkill aforesaid.

The next time he entered the service was in the month of March 1777, the thinks the [?] was called out on an alarm the British having come up the Hudson River and burnt a part of Peekskill, served at the time eight days in the militia company where captain was Jacob Griffin, and said Derick Brinkerhoff was Colonel, was verbally discharged lived at this time at the Town of Fishkill aforementioned.

The next time he entered the service was on the second day of April 1777, he enlisted as I private into a company of New York Militia for five months service at a place called Great Nine Pardners [Partners] in Dutchess County is said state and marched next summer from there to Po'Keepsie went on board of sloop down the river to Fort Independence, and remained in said Fort until the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of September then next and was then and there verbally discharged on that day. At the time of enlisting Smith Sutherland commanded the company and Rosewell Hopkins was colonel of the regiment.

Capt. Sutherland left the company after we had been about three months at the Fort and went home sick, and then Captain Andrew Hermance commanded and the Lieutenants name was Stephen Haight, Captain Hermance & his company was stationed there at the fort at the same time with us. Served at this time five months lived when he enlisted at the town Nine Pardners abovementioned.

On his return home after his discharge at Fort Independence stopped after the said Town of Fishkill to see his Father when the alarm was given that the British were coming up the Hudson, joined said Capt. Griffen' company, marched down the river as a far as Peekskill and then followed the enemy up as far as Rhinebeck, and followed the British down the river (after they burnt Esopus) as far as the place called Mile Hill in the Highlands, and was there verbally discharged served at this time fifteen days.

The next time he entered the service was in the month of April and the (first day) in 1778 he was drafted as a private as a private into the Militia for three months service at the town of Nine Pardners aforementioned the next day he marched to Poughkeepsie and from thence went by water to West Point and was employed with the rest of the company in working and building Fort Putnam. George Head was captain of the company and Colonel Hopkins was Colonel. Some Continental troops were stationed there at the same time but he and his company had no communication with them, they were differently employed. He was discharged on the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of July verbally by the Captain, lived when drafted in said Town of Nine Partners.

The next time he entered the service was on the 15<sup>th</sup> or 16<sup>th</sup> day of July instant to wit 1778 enlisted as a private into accompany of Militia at Nine Partners and went

to a Fort called Oblong Log Fort 14 miles distant built to keep Tories and prisoners, enlisted for Three months was stationed at the Fort in all the time. Capt James Talmadge commanded the company and Roswell Hopkins was colonel, was discharged verbally on the 15 or 16<sup>th</sup> day of October next after having served three months lived at the time of enlisting at the said Town of Nine Partners.

The next time he entered the service was on the first day of November 1778 enlisted as a private into a company of Militia at Nine Partners above mentioned for five months was stationed part [of] the time at Nine Partners and west of the then town of Fishkill at the Barracks, duty or employment most of the time was to collect forage for the army was discharged verbally by the Captain on the first day of March 1779. Served this time five months, Judah Burton was captain and Hopkins was colonel lived at Nine Partners at the time of enlisting.

The next time he entered the service was the first part of August the day he does not recollect in 1779 called out on an alarm to take some Tories and was out fifteen days with a company of Militia as a private Noah Wheeler was captain & Hopkins was colonel lived at the time at Oblong in Dutchess County in this state.

The above several services & rendered were all done in the militia of the State of New York as a private.

He has no recollection of the names of any regular officers than one John Greens on a Frenchman who was Engineer while he was employed in building Fort Putnam at West Point, he became afterwards a captain in a regular Continental Army, why he remembers him is that he gave him a Tobacco Box with a fire glass in the top, and told him to keep that as a reminder John Dillenson.

He has no documentary evidence and that he knows of no person where testimony he can procure who can testify to his service other than those whose testimony are hereunto annexed. Served in the whole time twenty four months & eighteen days.

1. Born in Colt's Neck Monmouth County New Jersey State in the [year] 1755.
2. Has no record of his age except what was placed in a Bible in his possession by one Matthews after I was 24 years old.
3. Lived at Brooklyn L. Island State of New York when first called into service and afterwards lived during the other services in Fishkill, Nine Partners, and Oblong, are located in Dutchess County in said state. Since the Revolutionary War lived at FishKill 5 years at Verplank's Point in Westchester County, 6 years at Schodack one year at Greenbush one year at Stephentown about seventeen years in Rensselaer County N. York at Nassau 2 years in said County and In Queensbury in the County of Warren since that time, where he now resides.
4. First time was drafted 2<sup>nd</sup> enlisted 3 enlisted for one and was substitute for Richard Jackson one month and a Jacob Dubois for one month 4<sup>th</sup> called on an alarm 5<sup>th</sup> enlisted 6<sup>th</sup> on an alarm 7 drafted 8 enlisted 9 enlisted 10<sup>th</sup> on alarm.

5. Recollects the name of no other officer than the one already mentioned or any other circumstances than there above stated.
6. Never received any but a verbal discharge.
7. That Charles William an elder in; the Baptist Church a resident of the Town of Queensbury a clergyman to whom he is known in his neighbourhood can testify as to his character for veracity and their belief of his services a s soldier of the Revolution.

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 Hanson

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid. Thomas Archibald, Clerk