

Pension Application for Joshua Harris

S.22809

State of New York

Washington County SS.

On this seventeenth day of August one thousand eight hundred and thirty two personally appeared before me John Moss a Judge of Washington County Courts Joshua Harris a resident of the town of Kingsbury in the County of Washington and State of New York aged seventy one years on the ninth day of April last past 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 under the following named officers and served as herein stated.

That I resided in the Nine Partners in Dutchess County and State of New York and the first time I entered the service was about the first of October in the year of 1777 when the New York militia were called out in mass I was under the command of Capt Silas Hoorten and we immediately marched to Rinebeck Flatts, about 30 miles where we remained & while we were there the British burnt AEsopus [Esopus] their shipping were in sight and they fired upon up [us?] and some of them double headed shot that reach[ed] us but did us not injury after they had burned AEsopus and other places they returned back to New York and we returned to Nine Partners I was in the service and did my duty as a private soldier about fifteen day[s]—and in the Spring of 1779 I went to the town of Kingsbury in the County of Washington and State aforesaid to clear up land for my Father that on or about the first day of May 1779 I volunteered and went into the service of the New York Matitia [militia] under the command of Lieut Thomas Bradshaw Commandant we were stationed at Castler's Log Barn and part of the time and part of the time at Bunel's Barn and were imployee [employed] in keeping guard and scouting in small parties of 10 or 15 towards South bay which makes up from Lake Champlain & about Lake George and many other places until about the first of November when I was dismissed.

I served and did my duty as a private soldier six months I then returned home to the Nine Partners aforesaid where I resided.

I then returned home to the Nine Partners aforesaid where I resided (Col Seth Warner was stationed at Fort Edward & Lake Georg[e] & Washburn was Ensign of his Regiment) until sometime in the month of August in the year of 1780 when there was a draft to be made from the New York Militia and we were classed containing 15 in each class and I volunteered for one class and went into the service under the command of Capt. Colbe Chamberlain and Lieut Jacob Boka and Col. Debouis & Lieut Col. Brinton Payn we marched to the Fishkill from there to West Point where we were stationed about ten days then crossed the north river & marched down the river on the west side into the Jerseys opposite Dobb's Ferry where we remained about a week then marched up the river to Stoney Point when we went on board of Sloops and sailed up the river to Poughkipsey [Poughkeepsie] where we remained a few days when we went aboard of Slops again and sailed up the river to Albany when we remained a

few days and marched to [Schunutade? Schenectady] thence we marched to Fort Paris where we were stationed in Stone Robby and were employed in Scouting through the wood from one place to another until the enemy came down from Canada by the way of the Lakes of about 750 in number consisting of British Indians and Tories who it was said had left their boats in the Onida [Oneida] Lake who attacked us and gave us battle on the 10th day of November at about 9 o'clock in the morning and drove us from our position they having a superior force and killed 50 or 80 on surprise they were lying in ambush they then went to burning and plundering the town of Stone Robby and during that day Col. Van Rensselaer arrived with his Regiment and we then drove them away and across the Mohawk river and we pursued them two or three days and we were informed they had got to their boats and we returned—

Col. Brown was killed in the first action, Adjutant Conley and our Sergeant Major were among the dead. I served and did my duty as a private soldier three months and a half and I was dismissed in the month of December when I returned to Nine Partners aforesaid where I resided about three years and then I moved to the town of Kingsbury in Washington County and State of New York where I now live and have lived ever since that I know of no person that I can prove my services by except Moses Harris & Daniel Elliot whose affidavits are hereunto Annexed.

That I cannot attend the Court on account of bodily infirmity [infirmity]. That there is no stated Clergyman in the neighbourhood where I resided who know me. I was born in the year A.D. 1761. That Nathaniel Pitcher and Henry C. Martindale to whom I am known in my present neighborhood who can testify as to my character for veracity [veracity] and their belief of my services as a revolutionary soldier.

That I have no documentary evidence.

I hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and I declare that my name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state. (Signed) Joshua Harris

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid before me. John Moss