

### **Pension Application for John Hermance**

S. 13376

Declaration of John Hermance in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June 7, 1832.

State of New York

Rensselaer County SS.

On this 17<sup>th</sup> day of July 1832 personally appeared before me one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas of the aforesaid County at my Chamber or officers John Heermance a resident of the town of Rensselaer in the County and State aforesaid aged sixty nine years the 20<sup>th</sup> last April who being 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 7<sup>th</sup> 1832.

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

That he enlisted in the New York State Troops under Colonel Marinus Willet Major MacKeene, Captain Marshall, First Lieutenant James Cannon, Second Lieutenant Peter Loop Junior, first Sergeant Bandedough and afterwards Jacob Esseltine.

That he listed into said company about the first April [April] 1781. He was then a resident of the Town of Claverack of the County of Columbia now but then of the county of Albany.

That after his enlistment he marched to City of Albany where the company was ordered to Johnstown in the present County of Montgomery State aforesaid.

That he marched with them to that place—from thence to Caughnawaga on the Mohawk River for thence down the river in Batteauxs to Schenectady thence up the river to the Little Falls from thence to Fort Rensselaer that he marched from Fort Rensselaer with the said company on the evening of the ninth of July 1781 and was in a battle [battle] with the Indians on the tenth when Major McKeen received a mortal wound of which he died on the following evening after the battle he returned to Fort Rensselaer from thence he marched to Fort Herkimer that there he lay with the said company about two months whence he marched to Schenectady from thence to Ballstown in the present County of Saratoga in the latter part of September 1781 from thence to Fort Hunter on Schoharie Kill where he staid til the term of his enlistment expired.

That he is the same identical mentioned in the affidavit of Jacob Esseltine.

That he has no documentary evidence to prove his services. That he enlisted for nine months.

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 Heermance.

Sworn before me and subscribed this 17<sup>th</sup> day of July 1832. A. Buckman one of the Judges of Rensselaer County Common Pleas.

1<sup>st</sup> Question. Where and in what year was your born? Answer, he was born in the year 1763 in the Town of Rhinebeck in the County of Dutchess in the State aforesaid.

2<sup>nd</sup> Have you any record of you age. Answer, no.

3<sup>rd</sup> Where were you living when called into service where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live? A. Town of Claverack in the County of Albany now County of Columbia since the Revolution in the Town of Claverack aforesaid from thence to the Town of Red Hook in the County of Dutchess aforesaid & from thence to the Town of Schodack in the County of Rensselaer aforesaid from thence to the Town of Nassau where he now resides.

4<sup>th</sup> Q. How where [were] you ;called into service? A. Enlisted.

5<sup>th</sup> He says the officers were Col. Marinus Willet, Maj McKeene, Capt. Marshall first Lieutenant James Cannon Second Lieutenant Peter Loope Junr.

6<sup>th</sup> Q. Did you ever received a discharge. A. No. (Signed) John Heermance

A. Buckman one of the Judges of Rensselaer County Courts.