

Pension Application for John Hutton

W.18071 (Widow: Elizabeth) Married March 27, 1780. John died September 15, 1841.

State of New York

Rockland County SS.

On this twenty ninth day of November in the year A.D. 1832 personally appeared in open Court, before the Judges of the court of Common Pleas, [Pleas] now sitting, John Hutton, a president of the town of Charlestown, in the county of Rockland and State of New York, aged seventy two 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 7, 1832.

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

That some time early in the spring of the year 1776, in the now town of Clarkstown, he enlisted in a company called minute men, Commanded by Capt Gilbert Cooper, for three months, and went to New York, and went to a place called bunkers hill, and assisted in making the Fort, and after some time returned again to Clarkstown, there I remained until about the first of July following, when I enlisted for five months, in a company commanded by Capt. John Blauvelt, James Rumsey and Walter Cure were Lieutenants, in a Regiment commanded by Col'n Drake, in Genl Scott's Brigade, Nicholas Fish was Brigade Major, and went to New York, then to Long Island, and was near Genl Starling when he was taken prisoner by the British Army, then retreated with General Washington's Army to New York, then to Kings Bridge then to White Plains, then to Peekskill, where we was discharged in the beginning of the month of December 1776, then on my return home I entered the service in a Company Commanded by Capt. Hendrick Tenure, Walter Van Orden and Thomas Blauvelt were Lieutenants and served therein until the first of the fall of the year 1777, when I enlisted for three months in a company commanded by Capt. Gardner, and served in guarding at Haverstraw until the British Army landed to take Fort Montgomery when we succeed[ed] in taking some of their baggage [baggage], consisting of a large quantity of Blankets.

After my term was expired I again entered the service under the aforesaid Capt. Tenure, the Regiment was commanded by Col'n A. Hawkes Hay, and served therein until the close of the war excep[t] some time (how long I do not now recollect) when I was ordered to join Major Lee's core and was employed as an express rider, that during the time I served under Capt Tenure, the Militia being divided into four classes, or four in one class and one man out of each class must be continually out on duty and those at home of the class had to relieve them that was out in which manner I served, and often I was out on duty for a month at a time doing the duty for others in my class being then young could be best spared from home and exclusive of the aforesaid services, those that were at home was ordered to hold themselves in readiness to march at a minutes [minute's] warning whenever an alarm was made which was then ever the British Army came out in large goodies (which was very often)

to aid the troops that was out on duty when I was often obliged to go from ten to twenty five miles in pursuit of them and often had to contend with the, and was sometimes out several days before I arived [arrived] home again—

That during the year 77, 78, & 79 it was nearly one continued service except in the severe part of the winter when there was a little rest an din the year 80 & 81 the services was not so laborious.

The time I was actually out on duty during my service under Captain Tenure. It is now not possible for me positively to state as at that time I never expected to receive any compensation for my services, but can confidently say that it exceeds two years.

That at the commencement of the war and ever since he resided in the now town of Clarkstown and County aforesaid.

That he has no documentary evidence of any of his services as he does not recollect evidence he can officer is some of the men that served with him in the revolutionary war, as all his officers are dead.

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 Hutton

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid in open court. David Pye,
Clerk