

Pension Application for Joseph Knapp or Joel

R.6011 (Widow: Margaret)

In order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

State of Pennsylvania

County of Luzerne SS.

On this fifth day of September the same eight hundred and Thirty Two personally appeared before the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas Joseph Knapp a resident of Pittston township in the County of Luzerne and State of Pennsylvania aged seventy one years who first being duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed June 7th One thousand Eight hundred and Thirty Two.

That he enlisted in the Army of the United States in the year One Thousand Seven hundred and Seventy Seven with Captain Henry Godwin a [?] and served in the [blank] Regiment of the New York Line (the No His Regiment he has forgotten) under the following named officers. He was attached to General Starks Brigade of Continental Troop. Colonel Dubois, Major Logan Adjutant Welch, Captain Henry Goodwin of [?] Lieutenant Alexander McCarty, Serjeant George Garner and Alexander Harrington. (The other Field and Company officers he has forgotten) His term of enlistment was for three years only at which time he was a resident of Walkill Orange County State of New York. He enlisted at Walkill was mustered at Newburgh Orange County New York, in the month of April (day forgotten) in the year one thousand seven hundred and seventy seven.

From Newburgh we crossed the river to Fishkill Dutchess [Dutchess] County, New York from there we march'd to West Point on the West Side of the North River, we lay there about one month and two companies of our Regiment went on board a Sloop to Albany from there we march'd to Schenectady, was there one week from there we march'd to Johnstown lay there about two months until while we lay there the remaining part of our Regiment came up the North River and joined the Main Northern Army and as soon as we heard of Burgoyne's coming down the River started for the main army, but did not reach the Army in time for to assist in gaining the victory. We then joined our Regiment commanded by Colonel Dubois.

He recollects of being in company with Colonels VanCourtland, VanSchaick, on the Continental Establishment. We lay at Stillwater on the battle ground about one week when we took up our line of march down the North River to Albany we then came down the North River as far as Peekskill when he was regularly discharged in; the month of April (cannot specify the days in the year one thousand seven hundred and eighty under the same officers that he enlisted under. His discharge he has lost.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and he declares his name is not on the pension Roll of any agency in any state. (Signed) Joseph Knapp

Sworn and Subscribed the day and year aforesaid. H. Pettebone, Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas in and for the County of Luzerne.

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On this Fifth day of January Anno Domini One Thousand Eight hundred and Fifty two, personally appeared before Sylvester Bristol one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in and for the County of Luzerne aforesaid, Margaret Knapp a resident of Pittston Township in the County of Luzerne aforesaid aged Eighty six years & upwards, who being duly sworn, according to Law, doth on her oath, make the following declaration in order to obtain to obtain the benefit of the provisions made by the act of Congress passed 29th July 1848, entitled "an act for the relief of certain surviving widows of Officers and Soldiers of the Revolutionary Army".

That she is the widow of Joel Knapp alias Joseph Knapp who was a private in the Army of the Revolution, and that he was a Minisink, Orange County, New York at the time it was burned. That at that time, she believes he was serving as a substitute, that afterward he was drafted and wen to fort Lee, remained there under general Campbell until it was captured by the British, November 1776, that he was in the battle at White Plains after this he enlisted under George Gardner who had a commission to raise recruits, that he was then placed in a company under the command of Captain Hamstraw and was attached to the Northern Army under General Gates, was at the Battle of Saratoga, and that he remained in the Northern Army until the same was disbanded and got his discharge at Newburgh, that at the time of his discharge he received a printed discharge and that the same was burnt in the House of his father in 1806.

She further declares that she was married to the said Joel Knapp, alias Joseph Knapp on the Ninth day of December One thousand Seven Hundred & Eighty four, that her husband the aforesaid Joel Knapp alias Joseph Knapp died on the Tenth day of August AD On thousand Eight Hundred and Thirty three; that she was not married to him prior to his leaving the service, but the marriage took place previous to the second of January Eighteen hundred, viz at the time above stated.

She further swears that she is now a widow, and that she has never before made any application for a pension. (Signed with her mark) Margaret Knapp

Sworn to and subscribed on the day and year above written before made any application for a Pension. S. Bristol, Associate Judge