

Pension Application for Moses Knapp

S.13675

State of New York

Onondaga County SS.

On this tenth day of March in the year of our Lord Eighteen hundred and thirty four personally appeared in Open Court before the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas of said county of Onondaga now sitting at the Court House in the town of Salina in & for said County of Onondaga, Moses Knapp a resident of the town of Pompey in the County and State aforesaid aged Sixty Eight years who being first duly sworn regarding 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 in the following named officers and served as herein stated.

And first he was born at Port [Chuck?] in the town of Warwick County of Orange & State of New York on the third day of September 1755 according to the best of his knowledge and belief. That he has now no record of age that he formerly had a copy of the family record kept by his father in his bible but it is now lost.

That he continued to reside in the same place until he entered the said Service as follows—

That in the latter part of August or first of September in the year 2777, according to his best recollection, himself and six others were drafted for three months from the Company of Militia infantry under the command of Capt. Calving Shepherds Lieut Ineman Holly and Insign Taylor in Col. John Haythorns Regiment and sent to Fishkill in the County of Dutchess and State of New York under Captain David Minthorn, the drafted militia who sent to that place constituted but one company don't recollect the Lieutenant or Ensign or whether they won any.

There was at that time stationed at Fishkill [?] 500 and 600 regular troops, does not recollect the names of their officers. Staid there three months and received a written discharge from the Colonel of the regular Troops (cannot recollect his name) about the first of December 1777, kept the discharge some time but it is now lost was in no engagement during this tour.

In the spring of 1778 Declarants Fathers yoke of Oxen and some of the Horses owned by Elim? Owens at Warwick aforesaid were pressed into the service of the United States and Declarant volunteered and went with them to drive & take care of them, went to West Point and was there three months or more drawing materials for building or repairing the fort. Capt. [blank] Crook had the command of the teams. Col. Green had command of the fort who while declarant was there was promoted to Brigadier General, he was a small man, after the Expiration of three months, declarants father came to the fort and saw Genl Greenand got permission to take the teams home. This declarant had at the same time permission to go home but did not go until about one week thereafter received no written discharge, saw Genl Washington frequently while at the Fort.

In April or fore part of May 1779 this declarant was ordered into service by Capt. Calvin Shepherd aforesaid with half of said Shepherds company (about 28 men) and sent to Matinus Deckers fort in the forks formed by the junction of the Delaware & Neversink River in the town of Minisink after we arrived we were placed under the command of Captain Jacob Chambers who had the command of the fort, remained there three months and were then relieved by the other half of said Shepherds Company taking our place, received no written discharge . There were about forty men stationed at the fort consisting of half of Shepherds Company and men of the neighborhood, was in no engagement while there, principal business was to keep guard don't recollect any commissioned officer there except Captain Chambers.

In the Spring of 1780 (thinks in April) at Warwick aforesaid Declarant Volunteered as a Minute Man for the remainder of the war to go when were called upon, under Captain Shepherd aforesaid and was frequently called into service in Scouting parties in pursuit of Indians and Tories during that and the subsequent years of the war but from advanced age and consequent loss of memory he cannot state every particular time or length of each tour, but recollects distinctly that in the years 1781 he was called out in the forepart of the Summer and sent to Matinus Deckers fort aforesaid and remained there under the Command of Captain Chambers three weeks and was there relieved by others as before stated taking our place, received no written discharge, after Harvest in the same summer Declarant served in like manner at the same place another tour of three weeks and was again relieved in like manner.

That all the above service was in the Militia of the State of New York as a private, and he was not in any general Engagement, that he was in other Service besides the above at short periods but from the reasons above [?] is not able to satte it more particularly than above is stated, nor can he state the precise dates of entering or leaving the service at each particular tour but from the best of his recollection and belief he served as such private at least nine and a half months.

That he was acquainted in the service with Genl Washington & General Gavin as above stated and also with Genl Morgan who was a fortnight recruiting rifleman in Warwick.

He recollects seeing General George Clinton over at West Point while there with the teams.

That he has no documentary evidence of such service and knows of no person now living by whom he can prove the same.

That he was living when called into service and until two years after the close of the war at Post Chuck? in the town of Warwick aforesaid, then moved to Deckertown Sussex County New Jersey lived there three years, then returned to Port Chuck lived there seven years then moved into the town of Pompey Onondaga County New York where he has lived ever since and now lives.

That he is acquainted with Cornelius Waller and Cornelius Jones, in his present neighborhood who can testify as to his character for veracity and their belief of his services as a soldier of the revolution.

And he hereby relinquishes any 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) Moses Knapp

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid. R.L. Hess, Clerk of Onondaga County.