

Pension Application for Jacob Koon

S.16911

Declaration. In order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed Jun 7th 1832.
State of New York
County of Seneca SS.

On this third day of October 1833, personally appeared in open Court before the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas of the county of Seneca, the said Court now sitting Jacob Koon of the Town of Romulus in the said County of Seneca and State of New York aged seventy four years and upwards 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 as a private in the Militia under the following named officers and served as herein stated.

That Deponent (in the month of May 1777 as deponent believes that to be the year but is not certain enlisted as a private under Captain Shults in Col. Livingston[’s] Regiment in a Company of Rangers, the duty performed was to disarm the Tories and stand guard remained in this company until about the first or second day of December in the same year and then was discharged, this duty was done in Livingston Manor Columbia County in the State of New York.

That Deponent in the month of July 1778, but is not certain as to the year, was drafted, and went out as a private in the Militia, under Captain Philip Rockafellow in Col. Livingston[’s] Regiment and went to a place called Still Water on the North River after remaining out one month was discharged and returned home, was living at Livingston Manor when drafted & went out.

That at the time Washington with his Army lay at Fishkill in which year deponent cannot say, Deponent was drafted with his team and went to Fishkill went under Captain Benedict in Col. Livingston Regiment Deponents duty was to team provisions & provender for the Army, remained there one month and then was discharged.

Deponent says that in the month of May does not recollect the year he went out into service as a Substitute under one Captain Row who was a Captain that Commanded the company who came from about twenty miles below where deponent lived in Livingston Manor, the Captain received this Deponent into his company as a substitute for the man whom the Captain then discharged the man was an entire stranger to this Deponent and Deponent never knew his name if he did hear his name mentioned then he has forgot it, after the company arrived at Saratoga to which place they were ordered, the company was placed under Col. Schuyler’s or Genl Schuyler’s Regiment or Brigade, remained at Saratoga one month and ten days was discharged and went home.

Deponent also says he was drafted and his to arm and went to Saratoga, when he arrived there was placed under one Captain Gasevoort in Col. or Genl Schuyler’s Regiment or Brigade remained there one month before he was discharged. Deponent says he does not know what year it was, but it was at the time the Battle was there,

thinks it was in the fall of the year, deponent was drafted at Livingston Manor and went out every time from that place, it was the place of Deponents residence at that time.

Deponent says that the Militia Company he belonged in when at home was commanded by one Captain Jacob Shaver, in Col. Jacob Shaver, in Col. Livingston Regiment in Livingstone Manor, and this Deponent says that the whole company was ordered out by Col. Livingston to stand guard at different places in the said manor accordingly Captain Shaver divided off his men and placed guards at different posts, one company of them at Jacob Hovers, another at Simons Koon's another at Henry Stevens and another at John Bitterberrys. Deponent says he was in this duty or service three months before he was discharged and was one of the company who served at those parts, but Deponent says he cannot tell what year it was in the duty was to stand guard.

Deponent says that he General Washington and General Schuyler he served under both of them, and when Deponent was a Fishkill Genal [General] Washington gave Deponent a handful of peaches as he was riding along past deponents wagon, and saw him about every when [sic] Deponent was at Fishkill.

Deponent hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity except the present and he declares that his name is not on the Pension Roll of any agency in any state.

To the interrogatories propounded by the said Court to the said applicant for a pension as prescribed by the War Department.

1. Says he was born in the town of Johnstown in Livingston's Manor in the State of New York in the month of December in the year 1759.
2. Deponent says, that he lived in Livingston Manor during the Revolutionary War, that he remained in said Livingston Manor until he was about forty five years of age, that he has lived in Seneca County for the last seven years, and for about three years last in the town of Romulus in said County where he now resides—
3. Has a record of his age at home in his prayerbook.
4. Set forth above.
5. Set forth above.
6. Set forth above.
7. Is known by Genl John DeMott, PM Lodi, Abraham Sebring Esqr, of Ovid Jehiel H. Halsey Esqr of Ovid late member of Congress, who all can testify to Deponents Character for truth and veracity, and of there [their] belief of Deponents services as a Soldier of the Revolution.

That he knows of no person who can testify to his serviced (and he has made diligent search) except John Garrison, whose deposition is hereunto annexed.

And Deponent further says, that he never received a written discharge from any of his officers for his said service, and that during such services he was not employed in any civil pursuit. (Signed with his mark) Jacob Koon

Sworn to and Subscribed by making his mark because he does not know how to write, in Open Court. Seba Murphy Clk.