

**Pension Application for John Linnet or Linnit or
Linley or Linninger or Linning or Linner**

R.6363

State of Vermont

District of Addison SS.

On this 4th day of August 1832 personally appear before the Probate Court for the said District of Addison, being a Court of record, in open Court, John Linley or Linnet resident in Ferrisburgh in the County of Addison aged seventy years, who being first duly sworn 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:--

At Albany in the State of New York, in the month of December 1777 I enlisted for during the war in a company commanded by Capt. Crose or Gross in a regiment commanded by Colonel Willet, on the Continental Establishment, (one Taggart was a Lieutenant)—

From Albany we marched to the Mohawk River – Through Schenectady—and were stationed at Fort Blonc—Cherry Valley & German Flats, Col. Brown was stationed at Fort Stanwix—He had received intelligence that the Indians, in the neighborhood were [?] for him and sent to Col. Willett for assistance—and Colonel Willett sent two companies to his assistance—and I went in that corps to the assistance of Col. Brown—

Thence we were marched to the Genesee River, in pursuit of the Tories and Indians—at the Genesee River we had a battle--when the battle began, our troops were on the east side of the service—and the enemy on the west side—We afterwards crossed over—and had a severe engagement & took a number of British, Tories & Indians—

While at German Flatts, I was on guard one night & discovered a fire at a distance—and gave notice to the commanding officer—who ordered out a party of fifty who volunteered for the purpose of attacking the enemy, who were supposed to be there—of whom I was one—The Indians being concealed attacked one party and killed twenty five or our men—and as we supposed took all the rest prisoners, except myself & another young man, who returned to the fort.

Afterwards the Colonel sent to procure those released, who were supposed to be taken prisoners—but they could not be found—and were therefore supposed to be butchered by the Indians—

While we were at Cherry Valley, the Indians came down & butchered some of the inhabitants--among—others a minister & his wife & children, who were scalped:--

On which we were ordered & followed them two or three miles, but did not overtake them.

After the capture of Burgoyne, the Indians & tories made frequent incursions upon the inhabitants in the region of the Mohawk River, where we were stationed.

And I served with the army there guarding the County from the enemy until the close of the war when I was discharged at German Flatts:--

In the battle on Genesee River I received a wound in my right shoulder—and in an attack we made on the Indians in the night at Covents Creek near Cherry Valley, I was wounded in my side & had one of my ribs broken.

After our detachment, as before stated, went to join Colonel Brown's regiment, & after the battle of Genesee River, I served in his regiment until the next fall.

I was born in German—the year I do recollect, except by calculation—and I know of no record of my birth.

In the year 1776, I was impressed into the service being then 16 years of age and came to Canada with the British troops—and belonged to Burgoyne's Army, when he came out of Canada – and escaped from the British Army, about six days before Burgoyne was taken, with six other Germans—We presented our selves to General gates, who invited us to join the American Army; but we chose to look around the country awhile, and Gen. Gates us a letter, directing the commissions to supply us with rations, and we went to Albany where we remained about two months enlisted as above stated.

After the war was over, I was employed many years principally in tending mills—and have resided in Salem, New York with Gen. Williams, and in Jay & Pleasant Valley, New York—also in Middleburg, Sandgate, Rupert & Ferrisburgh Vermont.

At the close of the war I had a written discharge—but have lost it and have no documentary evidence, or other evidence of my service except the accompanying affidavit.

And the said John Linly 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 Linnit

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid. Saml Swift, Judge