

Pension Application for Hendrick Litts

S.13755

Ulster Common Pleas

Of March term one thousand eight hundred and thirty three.

Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June 7, 1832.

State of New York

Ulster County

On the eleventh day of March one thousand eight hundred and thirty three personally appeared in open court, now sitting, before the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in and for the County of Ulster, held at the Court house in the Village of Kingston being a court of Record, having a clerk and seal of their own Hendrick Litts, a resident of the town of Esopus, in the County of Ulster and State of New York aged eighty years, who being first sworn according to law; doth on his oath make the following Declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed 7th June 1832.

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

1. ? That he was born in the town of Kinderhook in the County of Columbia and State of New York in the year 1753.
2. ? That he has no record of his age.
3. ? That then he was called into Service he lived in the town of Esopus, in Ulster County and State of New York and has ever since lived there.
4. ? That he was a volunteer, and no substitute – was drafted and enlisted. And the said Hendrick Litts Declares that that in the year 1776 he voluntarily enlisted as a private In the Company of Captain Moses Cantine, Lieutenant Cornelius Newkerk of New York Levies for the term of five months, and served for the full term of “Five” months in said company as a private and was stationed at Kingsbridge, White Plains and Peekskill in the county of Westchester in said State and was discharged at the latter place, but received only a verbal discharge; and has no written or documentary evidence of this term of service and that he knows of no living witness to prove this service.

And the said Hendrick Litts further says that in the summer of the year 1777 he was drafted as a private in the Company commanded by Captain Hardenbergh and served for the term of “Three” months in said Company Stationed at Fort Montgomery, until he was verbally discharged and that immediately on his return home, he was warned by one of the non commissioned officers of Captain Philip Swarts Company of Militia in the beat of which company he belonged to appear at Kingston Landing and which he did and proceeded thence to Stillwater and Saratoga was at the Battle of Saratoga, that this service was “Two” Months—that he was discharged at Albany after the surrender of Burgoyne. But that he received no written discharge and has no documentary evidence of this service that he knows of no living witness to prove this service.

And the said Hendrich Sitts further declares that in the year 1778 he volunteered as a private and served for "Three" Months in the Militia Company commanded by Captain Philip Swart at Leuren Kill in the town of Wawarsing and at Big Shandakin in the town of Shandaken at Jacob Longyears that this service was in the fall of said year. That he was verbally discharged by the said Captain and that he has no documentary evidence thereof and that he knows of no living witness to prove this term of service.

And the said Hendrick Sitts farther declares that in the fall of the year 1779 he was drafted as a private and served in the militia company commanded by Captain Evert Bogardus stationed at Fishkill in the County of Dutchess, for the term of "Three" months, and was there discharged verbally by the said Captain that he has no documentary evidence of this last service, and that he knows of no living witness to prove this term of service.

And the said Hendrick Sitts further declares that in the year 1780, he served as a volunteer In the Company of Rangers commanded by Captain Moses Yeomans; that he was a private that this service was for six months ranging along the frontiers of the County of Ulster and that he served for the full term of "Six" months in said company and until he was discharged by the said commanding officer that he did onto receive a written discharge no has he any documentary evidence of this last mentioned service and knows of no living witness.

And the said Hendrick Litts further declares that in the 1781 he served as a volunteer in the frontier guards and was stationed on the north west frontiers of Ulster County of the Term of Nine months in a detachment commanded by Lieutenant VanDeusen, as a private, that this term of service commenced in the month of April and ended in the month of January following that he was discharged at Kingston at the end of this last service my Major VanBenschoten but that he received no written discharge from him—nor has he any documentary evidence in his possession of this service, and knows of no living witness to prove this term of service.

And lastly the said Hendrick Litts declares that he has serve d as a private during the Revolutionary War, but by reason of old age, and the consequent loss of memory he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his service, but according to the best of his recollection he served not less than the periods mentioned above, and in the following grades to wit, for two years and Four Months I served as a private and for such service I claim a pension.

And the said Hendrick Litts further says, that General Washington commanded at New York in 1776. General Clinton Commanded at Fort Montgomery in 1777. General Gates had the command at Saratoga in said years but does not remember what regular troops or militia regiments were at either of the above mentioned places.

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 with his mark) Hendrick Litts

Subscribed & Sworn the day & year aforesaid. A. D. Sopel First Judge Abm Hardenbergh, Abm A. Deyo, Judges &c