

## **Pension Application for James A. Moll**

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State of New York

County of Rensselaer SS.

On this [blank] day of [blank] in the year one thousand and eight hundred and thirty two personally appeared in open court before [blank] the court of [blank] now sitting James A. Moll a resident of the Town of Schodack in the County of Rensselaer and State of New York aged eighty two years [of age crossed out] 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 7<sup>th</sup> 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States as near as he can remember in the summer of the year one thousand seven hundred and seventy [blank] or in the first year of the revolutionary War under John Beekman as Colonel and Jacob C. Schermerhorn was then major of the Regiment.

The Captain of the company to which this applicant belonged as near as can be remembered was Abraham VanValkenburgh. The name of the Lieutenant is not remembered and does not remember the exact time when he entered the service nor when he left but it was in the service as a militia man during several different times at different periods and always whenever called upon and – and during all the time during the War of the Revolution.

His place of Residence was in the Town of Schodack in the County of Rensselaer and State of New York.

That at the first period he was called out he was marched to the City of Albany and some of the company who were drafted at this time went to Albany by Water up the North River when he was detained in service for considerable lenth [length] os time how logn does not know.

From Albany he returned to Schodack again and many times he has been called out and having proceeded as far as Albany returned again without going father [farther] and has several times been as far as Greenbush opposite the City of Albany waiting for orders to be marched forward when necessary sometimes returning back again to Schodack aforesaid after staying sometimes at Greenbush.

That at one period but he cannot tell what year in the war it was he was drafted out to go out west to the City of Schenectady to guard that place where he received garrisoned at that City and continued in service at that place during one whole season and as near as he can remember eight or nine months and then were stationed at that p[lace] about fifty or sixty men and before they were discharged from there it was near the Winter Season.

One Peter VanValkenburgh was captain of the company at that time and [?] VanValkenburgh was Lieutenant.

That he at another period of the war aforesaid was called out and went to Schoharie in the State of New York where he was garrisoned and stationed near the Church in that place and had their baggage in said church—

And there was about three or four companies stationed there—and he remained in that place in that duty for about six month, does not remember what year of the War of the Revolution this engagement was in.

Was at this time as near as can remember under John Beekman as Colonel— Daniel Schermerhorn as Captain and John VanValkenburgh as Lieutenant – That in going there the soldiers went through the Town of Coeymans in the County of Albany and by the way of Renselaerville &c On another time he the said James A. Moll and a number of others went to the City of Schenectady in the State of New York from the Town of Schodack and brought down some provisions to the City of Albany under Daniel Schermerhorn as their Captain and also was drafted and mac hed to the northern part of the State of New York and were stationed at Fort Edward six or eight months.

This was about the time General Burgoyne came down into said State from the north. Jacob Schermerhorn was the Lieutenant in the company that went from Schodack at this time one VanBuren was a Major at the Fort at that time. When Burgoyne came down in the State of New York the militia with whom he was with retreated down the river toward Troy and therein encamped until Burgoyne's Army surrendered to the Americans. At the time of the said Battle he was ordered out to march to the field of Battle and came onto the field where the dead lay, and found the British had been conquered returned back at this period he was in Continental service for the term of one year or more.

The said James A. Moll was called out and marched towards the Northern lines and has been encamped at Stillwater for a considerable time does [not?] exactly know how long but has marched with those [?] of the State three times from the Town of Schodack aforesaid.

When he marched there he went by the way of Albany Troy and up the North river. And the said James A. Moll further states under oath that he was engaged I;nt he War of the Revolution most of the time from the commencement of the War to the end of the service and he can safely say that he had been in actual service of the United States as a Militia Soldier in the Revolutionary War for and during the Term of Seven years.

And he says that he has no documentary evidence but that John VanValkenburgh now living knows of his said seven [?] of it also Isaac and Walter were knowing to the service of him the said service of record. [Document ends here]

Letter in folder dated March 18, 1926, written in response to an inquiry.

I have to advise you that there is on file in this Bureau a declaration for pension, neither signed nor sworn to, which states that James a. Moll, in 1832 was a resident of Schodack, Rensselaer County, New York, aged eighty-two years, and that while living in Schodack, he served at various times, during the War of the Revolution, under Captains Abraham VanValkenburgh, Peter VanValkenburg, Daniel Schermerhorn, and Colonel John Beckman, in the New York Troops, length and dates of service not stated.

It is not stated that soldier was married, and his claim for pension was never completed.

The above notes James (Jacobus, Jecobus) Moll or Mull is the only soldier of that name found on the Revolutionary War records of this bureau.