

Pension Application for John Monier

S.21385

State of New York

Ontario County SS.

On this twenty first day of May in the year eighteen hundred and thirty three personally appeared in open Court before the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas of the County of Ontario aforesaid, now sitting John Monier a resident of Naples in the said County, a resident of Naples In the said county, lagged seventy four years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration In order to obtain the benefit of the provision of the Act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

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

In the latter part of the autumn of the year 1776 and as the deponent thinks in the month of December the deponent joined the troops at Fort George in the State of New York and was attached to the Regiment of New York troops commanded by Col. Gansevoort and after so joining the said troops deponent was directed by Col. Gansevoort to ride as an express Rider between Fort George and Albany, and also to Bennington to West Point and to many other places, and was excused from other service by Col. Gansevoort so long as he was so engaged.

He was engaged in such service constantly from the month of December 1776 till after the surrender of General Burgoyne In 1777 and according to the best of the deponents recollection till the month of December 1777 when he was dismissed from service.

The deponent encountered great and imminent dangers by reason of his said service of Express Rider, and was twice wounded – first within about four miles of Fort George he was fired upon by the enemy and wounded in the thigh, and also in his leg. He was also again wounded in the body at Middleburgh in Schoharie County in the said State of New York.

In the month of July in the year 1780, according to this deponents recollection, he was hired by a Mr. Groesbeck of Albany, to serve as a soldier as his substitute in the New York levies, than being raised.

He was mustered at Albany in a company commanded by Captain Lansingh in a Battalion commanded by Major Woolsey. Deponent thinks that the Colonel was named Livingston. Deponent marched in the said company an Battalion from Albany to Middleburgh in the said state and remained there doing duty as a soldier till he thinks late in the autumn of the same year.

During the said period deponent was marched in the said company, under the said Capt. Lansingh and in the Battalion under Major Woolsey up the Mohawk River and late in the autumn and after the ground had become frozen the deponent was discharged—

The said deponent saith that by reason of old age and consequent loss of memory he cannot state the precise period of his said services nor the exact length

thereof but according to his best recollection he served first as a volunteer soldier under Col. Gansevort, and by him ordered to ride as an express in carrying despatches &c not less than one year and that he served as a private soldier of Capt Lansings Company as aforesaid not less than four months.

The said deponent further saith

1st That he was born at Albany in the State of New York in the year 1759—

2nd That he has no record of his age, but that he received from his parents the account of his birth as above stated and he verily believes that his age is seventy four years.

3rd That he resided at Albany aforesaid when he was first called into service as aforesaid that since the revolutionary war he resided many years at the same place, and that he has resided, for several years last part of Naples in the County of Ontario, and State of New York, where he now resides.

4th That he joined Col. Gansevort's Regiment as above stated as a volunteer soldier in the year 1776 and served in the year 1780 as aforesaid as a substitute for _____ Groesbeck in Captain Lansings Company in Major Woolsey Battallion of New York Levies.

5th That he recollects to have often seen, where he as in said service at Forts George, Fort Edward, at Albany and other places in the year 1777—General Schuyler and Gates—also General Morgan, Col. Gansevort, Major Yates & Capt McCracken, Capt McGee and in the year 1780 at Middleburgh in the said state Col. Livingston, Col. Dubois, Major Woolsey, Capt Lansing and others not now remembered.

6th That from his first service he was verbally dismissed from his second period of service he was dismissed and received a written discharge signed by Captain Lansing which written discharge was carried by the said deponent in his pocket till the same was worn out and lost within a few years after the same was received.

7th That David Herriot and Otis Fuller who reside in the town of Naples—in the said County of Ontario are persons well acquainted with the deponent and who can as he believes testify as to his character for truth and veracity in the neighborhood where he resides, and their belief of his services as a soldier of the Revolution.

The said deponent further saith that there is not clergyman residing in the town of Naples with whom he has any other than a short and partial acquaintance nor does he know of any clergyman in the vicinity of his present residence whose testimony he can procure without great expense or inconvenience who can testify to an acquaintance with him or of a knowledge of his character for truth and veracity as aforesaid. And further the said deponent saith not. (Signed) John Monier

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid, in open court.