

Pension Application for John Mowers

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Declaration. In order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

State of New York

Madison County SS.

On this tenth day of October 1834, personally appeared in open Court, before the Court of Common Pleas now sitting John Mowers a resident of Lenox in the County of Madison & State of New York aged eighty five years & eight months and eighteen days, 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, (under the following named officers, and served as herein stated:

That he was drafted into the service. Entered and served under the command of General Montgomery, Colonel Peter Debrook, Maj'r David Vanness, Captain John Clumb, Lieutenant (Cornelius Elemendorf) in the spring or summer of the year of the commencement of the Revolutionary war, he believes in the Spring of 1769 (owing to his want of an undeviating memory he cannot be positive as to the precise year, but that he was drafted at the commencement of the war, he is positive he cannot be positive for how long a time he was drafted but that he enlisted (before his time of service had expired for which he was drafted) as a militia man under the above named officers. Owing to his want of memory he can recollect no transaction of importance, until he & army under the command of the above officers had an engagement with the English at the Highlands, near the City of New York the English were on their vessels, on the North River; and that at or about this time he with the army & officers started to take General Burgoine, and when they had passed Albany on their way they were informed that Genl. Burgoine was taken, that they might return to Redhook in the County Duchess [Dutchess] where he resided at the commencement & during the war.

He remembers the circumstance of General Montgomery's going to Quebec, with soldiers enlisted during the war, and some men hired, and that Genl Montgomery & most of his army were shot or taken by the English, owing to his loss of memory he is unable at present to give a more extensive account of the transactions of the war, that came to his immediate view or knowledge than he has given.

That he received several written discharges but that he has lost them all, that his vacations from service were of no long continuance. To remember the periods when he was discharged & when he again enlisted is utterly impossible owing to the length of time since and loss of memory.

That he frequently, while enlisted took with him his team wagon & to carry provision & Baggage for the army.

That his colonel died at Albany about two years before the close of the Revolutionary War.

He does not recollect the name of the Colonel that supplied his place—That he (your Petitioner) at one time hired a substitute for a short time (cannot say how long) and paid him twenty dollars and found him his equipage.

That your petitioner was in the service seven years in all, during which time he became acquainted with General Schuyler, Genl George Washington, General Montgomery, Colonel Crane, Col. Peter Debrook, Maj Van Ness, Maj. Fish.

That he knows of no one living that can swear to the services in his petition set forth. He believes his acquaintance that knew of said services are all dead.

He hereby relinquishes all claims to any pension or annuity, except the present—and declares that his name is not nor ever had been on the pension roll of the agency of any state. (Signed) John Mowers

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid A. S. Sloan, Clk