

## **Pension Application for John Myer**

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Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7<sup>th</sup> 1832.  
State of New York  
Otsego County SS.

On this 16<sup>th</sup> day of October 1832 personally appeared in open court, before the courts of Common Pleas of Otsego County now sitting, John Myers, a resident of Otsego in the County of Otsego and State of New York aged 70 years, who first being 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 under the following named officers and served as herein stated.

That he enlisted as a soldier in the United States service, in Captain Henry's Company, of New York Troops in Col. Willet's Regiment in the Spring of 1781 or 2 for Nine Months, and served till late in the fall and then enlisted in the three years service under Captain Peter Tears of Col. Willet's Regiment also and served until after peace was declared and went with Col. Willet to take Fort Oswego in March 1783 and was discharged in the fall or winter after as near as he can now recollect. That he served eight months or more in the Nine Months enlistment, and Sixteen Months or more in the Three Years Service.

That he officers he can recollect were Col. Willet, Maj'r Benschoten, Quarter Master M. Trotter. Agt. Fonda, Lt. Hilton that they were stationed at Johnstown, Stone Arabia, Fort Plain, & German Flats, &c. But most of the time the Head Quarters were at Fort Plain. Had several skirmishes with the Indians & Tories but from the long lapse of time which has intervened he is not able to give a correct detail.

That he received a written discharge which has been lost a number of years. That he has no documentary evidence and that he knows of no person, whose testimony he can conveniently procure, who can testify as to his service, except the affidavits of Jacob Ore, Peter Sitts, & Richard Kenter, which are herewith sent—also Elisha Babcock.

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) John Myer

Sworn & subscribed this 16<sup>th</sup> day of October 1832. Horace Lathorp, Clerk

Interrogatories propounded by the Court to the applicant.

Question 1<sup>st</sup> Where and in what year were you born.

Answer Born in the town of Troy, State of New York.

Q 2<sup>nd</sup> Have you any record of your age and if so, where is it.

Answer a record of my age is said to be in the Church Book in Albany.

Q 3<sup>rd</sup> Where were you living when called into service, where have you lived since the revolutionary war, and where do you live now.

A. Living in Troy, Albany and now in Otsego, Otsego County N.Y.

Q 4<sup>th</sup> How were you called into service; were you drafted, did you volunteer, or were you a substitute? And if a substitute, for whom?

A. Enlisted first for Nine months, and 2d for three years.

Q 5. State the names of some of the Regular officers who were with the troops, where you served; such Continental and Militia regiments as you can recollect, and the general circumstances of your service.

A. Saw Gen. Washington, Gen Clinton.

Q. 6<sup>th</sup> Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom, was it given and what has become of it.

A. Received a written discharge from Captain Peter Tears from his 3 years service subject to be called for if wanted. This Discharge is lost.

Q 7<sup>th</sup> State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighbourhood, and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief of your service as a soldier of the Revolution.

A. Ashbel Willcox and others.