

Pension Application for Joshua Myrick

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State of New York

WestChester County SS.

On the Fifth day of October 1832 personally appeared before me Calsaman C. Austin a Commissioner to perform duties of a Judge of the Supreme Court of the State of New York residing in said County aged eighty eight years the fifth day of March next 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 as Adjutant of Col. Henry Luddington's Regiment of Militia in the County of Dutchess Reuben Ferris Lieut. Col., Ebenezer Robinson Major. That he had at the time a Commission in writing but that the same has been destroyed among his old papers many years since. The time of Declarant first entering the service of the United States as above detailed was in the latter part of the year 1775 or beginning of 1776 according to his best recollection and belief.

In this Regiment Declarant was engaged in ranging the Country detecting Tories frequently ranging thro' the County to the upper part of Dutchess County & so down into the County of WestChester conveying the Prisoners we took sometimes to Fort Montgomery, at others to the jail In Goshen in the County of Orange at times also bringing back prisoners from the jail in Goshen to be examined before the board of War at Fishkill—

In this service Declarant continued until October 1776 when the Board of War of which I well recollect that Lieut. Governor Pierre VanCourtlandt, John Jay, Zephaniah Platt, Egbert Benson & William Duer were members gave me a warrant to raise a Company of Rangers and take command of the same as Captain Which I accordingly did enlisting my men for six months.

Isaac Belknapp of NewBurgh was at the same time authorized to raise another company which he did.—While commanding this company as the Captain of the same Declarant was mostly engaged in scouring the mountains to hunt up Tories and disaffected persons—having taken up characters of that description they were brought before the Board of War for examination.—And on one occasion Declarant was ordered with a file of twelve men to take one John Halsted and commit him to the Jail in Albany which Declarant did.

In this service Declarant was constantly engaged for six months and until about the last day of April 1777 when the time for which Declarant's men were enlisted expired and about the same time the Continental Army was raised. After this during the residue of the war—Declarant held himself in constant readiness to march at a moment's warning at alarms scouting parties and protecting our people from the Depredation of Tories and other disaffected persons, the part of the country in which declarant lived being filled with characters by them night & day. So active and nororious had Declarant become in these services that a Bounty was bid for my person by the British be reason of which I was forced to keep my house barricaded

night with four or five muskets constantly loaded, keeping in a state of constant readiness to repel a sudden attack.—

I was also marched to Danbury when it was burnt by the British. Putting the whole time together in which I was engaged in actual service in addition to the six months I commanded the Company of Rangers as above detailed it would according to my best recollection and belief amount to more than two years.

I know of no persons by whom I might prove my services other than those whose affidavits are hereto attached.

I have no documentary evidence relating to my services or discharge. I hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a Pension or annuity except the present and declare that my name is not on the pension Roll of the agency of any State.

In answer to the Interrogatories recommended by the War Department I state as follows.

I was born in the year 1745 according to my best information in the town of Herwick Cape Cod.

I have a record of my age, put down in a book, taken from my father's Bible, with the ages of all my Brothers and Sisters, now in my house, in the town of Somers, aforesaid.

When I was called into the service I lived in the town of Fredericks County of Dutchess (now Putnam). Since the Revolutionary War I have lived in the town of Somers aforesaid where I now live.

I entered into the service in the manner before fully detailed as a volunteer & was never a substitute.

It is difficult for me at this distance of time & at my advanced age to remember the names of many of the regular names of many of the regular officers who were with the troops where I served. My recollection extends but little further if any, than the officers of the particular Regiment, to which I belonged, while I was attached to any Regiment. I will remember some of the principal officers of my own Regiment while I was Adjutant of it.

These were Lieut. Col. Reuben Ferris, Col. Henry Luddington, Major Ebenezer Robinson, Capt. Nathaniel Scribner, Capt Hezekiah Mead & Capt. Solomon Hopkins. The general circumstances of my service are fully detailed in my Declaration as above. I received a commission as an Adjutan[t] in Col. Ludington's Regiment, but by whom it was signed I can not remember at this distance of time. It was granted as deponent thinks by the State Committee. As the Captain of the Company of Rangers, raised by me, as before detailed. I had no other commission that the warrant given me by the board of which Pierre VanCourtlandt, John Jay, Zephaniah Platt, Egbart Benson & William Duer were members as before mentioned.

My Commission & Warrant were among my old papers many years after the Peace, but thinking there [they were] of no further use I was not careful to preserve them & they were no longer to be found.

The names of person in my present neighbourhood to whom I am known and who can testify to my character for veracity and their belief of my services as a soldier

of the Revolution are Benaiah Y. Morse & Enoch Crosby. (Signed with his mark)
Joshua Myrick

Subscribed & sworn this 5th October 1832 before me R.C. Austin Supreme
Court Commissioner.