

Pension Application for John Neely

W.5408 (Widow: Margaret)

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State of Virginia

Lewis County SS.

On this seventh day of August 1832 personally appeared in open court before the Justices of the court of Lewis County know [now] sitting John Neely a resident on the line which separates the Counties of Lewis and Harrison In the State of Virginia aged seventy four years, who being first duly sworn and according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration In order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed 7th day of June 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated. He entered the service as a militia man in the State of New York in the year 1776 in the first of the year under captains William Telford, Major Dennison, Col. McClaregherty and General George Clinton helped build Fort Montgomery and was stationed there untill last of November 1776 when he was discharged.

That he again entered into the service in the month of March 1777 under Captain Feltner. The same field officers was stationed at Fort Clinton on North river in New York State untill the fort was taken in October 1777. Then he was marched to a place called Soper or Esopes to resist the landing of the enemy. He enemy however succeeded in burning the placed afficant was again discharged at Christmas at a place called Windsor or New Windsor In New York State. He again entered the army as a volunteer and marched to oppose the landing of the enemy at a place in New York or New Jersey called Ramapough, again entered to New York and built in March 1778 a Fort at West Point and continued there three months.

Thence he was ordered to the frontier to oppose the Indians had a skirmish with them, was repulsed by them with the loss of three men. ;

Next day we pursued a company of the English and Tories who had come to pack of wheat? From the head of Delaware, we overtook them and took from them 40 horses and destroyed what grains we could not use. He was again discharged at Christmas in 1779.

Affiant was born in the City of New York in the year 1758. He having served not less than three years as a private left the service in 1779. He knew the following officers in the army viz. Major General James Clinton and his brother Brigadier Genl George Clinton my own Genl. I often saw General George Washington.

He has no documentary proof that he knows of and he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his services.

He relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares thar his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state. Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid. (Signed) John Neely

To the interrogatories propounded by the war department I answer as follows. Viz. to the first.

1st I was born in the City of New York in the year 1758 according to the accounts of my parents.

2. I have no record of my age.

3. I lived when I was called into the service in the State and City of New York after the termination of the war I removed to Virginia to Harrison then now on the line between the counties of Lewis and Harrison about 14 miles from the courthouse of the former and about 10 miles from the courthouse of the later Lewis County was detached from Harrison by a law of 1816 or 1817.

4. I was drafted when I first went into the army the two first tours were for six months each but each lasted longer. The residue I was as a volunteer and did not serve less than three years in all as a private soldier.

5. I remember Generals, Major General James Clinton and Brigadier General George Clinton my own commander who I have since noted, for as vice President of the U. States. I have often seen General George Washington. I know Col. Malcolm. I knew Genl Putnam. at that time was personally acquainted with many other officers who I have forgot and names off. [of]

6. I received three discharges. The first signed by Captain Wm. Telford, countersigned by Col. McClaugherly and General George Clinton. The second was signed by Captain Fettner & Genl Clinton my last was signed by Captain Byrns and Genl Geo. Clinton.

7. I am well (and have long been) known by Isaac Cox a very old man his son Philip also an old man, James brown and his brother John, both old men, we have lived near neighbours for many years and still do we have often in years past talks of our revolutionary services. That can testify as to my character for veracity and their belief of my services. There are no clergyman living near me. The pastor of the church which I have visited for about 30 years (occasionally) resides about thirty miles from me and is an old man a Baptists. There are no other resident clergyman, but Iterant preachers with whom I Form but still acquainted. I confide as much in homes laymen around me as in church [?] He is reputed and believed in the neighbourhood where he resides to have been a soldier of the revolution, and that we concur in that opinion. Subscribed and sworn to the 7th day of Sept. 1832. Isaac Cox, Philip Cox (his mark) James Brown, John Brown.