

Pension Application for John Nicholas

R.7640

Declaration. By John Nicholas—of Herkimer County, N.Y. in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

State of New York

Oneida County SS.

On this 19th day of Dec'r 1833, personally appeared in open court before the of [?] of the State of New York at Court holden before the Hon'l Nathan Williams Esqr. Vice Chancellor of the 5th Circuit of the State of New York, now sitting at the City of Utica in said County – John Nicholas, a resident of Frankfort in the County of Herkimer & State aforesaid, aged sixty 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 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 at Cobuskill [Cobleskill] then in the County of Albany (now Schharry) [Schoharie] this deponent volunteered on the first of June 1781—as a private in Captain Henry [Burt's?] Company of Infantry of the New York Militia, but this dept [deponent] does not recollect the name of the Col. Of the Regt to which said Compy belonged. That said Compy was stationed in the Fort at Cobuskill—as a guard against the Indians & that this dept which stationed at said Fort to wit: on the last of Augt 1781—was taken prisoner by the Indians then in the employ of the enemy--: and was kept a prisoner of war by said Indians nine years--: That this deponent further says, that he is unable to state for what length of time said company was then in the said service.

That he was born at Cobuskill in 1764.

That he has a record of his age in his father's power.

That he lived at Cobuskill aforesaid when he was called into said service.

That he volunteered.

That there were no regular officers, at Cobuskill, and that said Company was the only company stationed at the Fort at Cobuskill, and that said Company was the only company stationed at the fort at Cobuskill. That the said company was employed in guarding the inhabitants of Cobuskill, and their crops from the Indians, Tories, &c—and that this deponent did not yet [?] till seven years after the close of the Revolutionary war. And that the s'd Capt Burt was an uncle of this dep't [deponent] and that this dept' was under the care as well as the command of s'd Capt Burt.

That he received no written discharge.

That Schuyler Kingsley & Thomas Whitcom of Frankfort aforesaid are persons to whom this dep't is personally known residing in his neighbourhood, & who can testify as to his character for veracity and their belief of his services as a soldier of the revolution.

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.

And this dep't further says that he knows of no other evidence of said service known that & permit to exhibit. (Signed) John Nicholas

Sworn & Subscribed the day & year aforesaid. J. Williams, Vice Chan.