

Pension Application for Robert North

R.7708

The declaration of Robert North to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress, passed June 7, 1832.

State of New York

County of Delaware SS.

On this eight day of October one thousand eight hundred and thirty tow, personally appeared in open court before.

The Honorable Jabez Bostwick first Judge & Otis Preston, Martin Keeler, Amos Douglass, Esquires, Judges of the Court of Common Pleas of said County of Delaware, now sitting Robert North a resident of the town of Alton in the County of Delaware and that of New York, aged seventy three 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 7, 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named friends, and served as herein stated.

At Newtown in the County of Queens in the State of New York, in the month of June or of July 1776 (at all events before the arrival of the British fleet into the harbor of New York which took place in that year) I entered the service as a volunteer from a class of Militia men of the Queens Company Militia in the State of New York, a fourth part of whom were called out to guard the coast of Long Island; I was mustered in a company commanded by Capt. Benjamin, Col. Of said Newtown in a regiment commanded by Col. Smith of Long Island, I was engaged in several skirmishes that took place after the main battle of Long Island in 1776.

We were stationed at first along the south west coast of Long Island & afterwards fall back within the lines drawn around the City of New York & the heights of Long Island contiguous to the city. We were then withdrawn from Long Island to the City & then marched to Kingsbridge & dismissed, which was about the first of September 1776, making about two months service or more.

I then returned to the city of New York and volunteered as a private in a company of infantry of City uniform militia commanded by Capt James Alner in Col. Lasher's regiment and served therein until the American Army retreated from New York. This was for about a fortnight.

About the first of January 1777 at Poughkeepsie in Dutchess County, New York, I volunteered into a company of militia raised in that town commanded by Capt Billings in Col. Frear's regiment. We marched to Kingsbridge & joined a division from New England, the whole under the command of Genl Heath. We had some skirmishing with the enemy north of Kingsbridge. We marched back to Poughkeepsie and were discharged at that place. This service was for about one month.

About the first of May 1777, at the Continental village (so called) near Peekskill in the State of New York, I enlisted into the Continental Service as an artificer (to work on ordnance & other wheel carriages) under Capt. Kinnicut, who was under the command of Col. Hughes, who acted as Deputy Quarter Master General After a few

months Capt Steele was placed I immediate command over the branch of service, I was attached to, in lieu of Capt. Kinnicutt. Here I remained in the Quarter Master Service as an artificer as aforesaid, until July 1779 when I was discharged—making a service under this last engagement of two years & two months.

I have no documentary evidence of the foregoing facts-- & I know of no person whose testimony I can procure who can testify to the foregoing service above set forth.

And further-

He, the said Robert North, 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) Robert North.

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid. C. B. Sheldon, Clerk