

Pension Application for Christopher Norton

S.11149

State of New York

Rensselaer County SS.

I Christopher Norton, of the Town of Clay in the County of Onondaga, and State of New York, formerly of the Town of Greenbush, in the County of Rensselaer and State of New York, formerly of the Town of Greenbush, in the County of Rensselaer and State aforesaid, aged about seventy years, for the purpose of obtaining the benefit of the Act of Congress, entitled "An Act Supplementary to the Act for the relief of certain Surviving Officers and Soldiers of the revolution", approved on the Seventh day of June 1832. Do make the following declaration, to wit:

I do declare that I have served during the war of the revolution for the period of one year & more at the Several different times and in the manner following and particularly set forth; that I am not entitled to any benefit whatsoever under any act of the Congress of the United States granting pensions, except the act above referred to: and that I do hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension for my services, during the American Revolution.—except that granted by the Act above referred to.

On or about the first day of October in the year 1776 I entered as a private into the Company of militia under Captain George Sharp and in the Regiment commanded by Col. Stephen J. Schuyler, and served at Stone Arabia in the County of Montgomery (then Tryon County) for the term of three months.

In the year 1779 in the Spring, I served one month at Fort Hunter near Schoharie; in the month of June, I started from Albany & went up to New City, (now Lansingburgh,) thence to Waterford (then called Half Moon) thence to Schenectady, and from thence to Albany, on which tour I was out between six and seven weeks; I also went with others of the Militia, to a place called Beaverdam, to fetch away about 150 disaffected persons, then called Tories, and was engaged in this service about three weeks; one trip to Schenectady of about one month or more in the fall of 1779—

I lay in Service at Saratoga one month; at Fort Edward one month; at Lansingburgh one week—I served as a guard in the Town of Greenbush aforesaid in the year 1781 for three months in protecting the inhabitants and their property against the Tories; and thus ended my services during the revolutionary war, having served twelve months and two weeks and upwards—(Signed with his mark) Chris'r Norton

Subscribed by his mark & sworn to this 21st June 1832 before me. H.V.W. Masten, Justice of Peace

Letter in folder dated February 19, 1938, written in response to an inquiry.

Reference is made to your letter in which you request the Revolutionary War record of Christopher Norton, who, in 1840, resided in Stark, Herkimer County, New York, and received a pension on account of his services.

The data which follow were obtained from the papers on file in Revolutionary War pension claim, S.11149, based upon the military service in that war of Christopher Norton.

The date and place of birth and names of the parents of Christopher Norton are not shown.

Christopher Norton enlisted, place not shown, October 1, 1778, and served at various times until in 1781, amounting in all to one year and three weeks as private under Captains George Scharp and Shaw, Colonels Stephen J. Schuyler and Henry K. VanRensselaer in the New York troops.

He was allowed pension on his application executed June 21, 1832, while a resident of Clay, Onondaga County, New York, aged seventy years.

There are no data as to soldier's family.