

Pension Application for John Ousterhoudt

R.7831

State of New Jersey

Sussex County SS.

Be it remembered that on the [blank] day of December in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & thirty seven personally appeared before the undersigned a Judge of the Court of Common Pleas of said county John Ousterhoudt a resident of the Town of Montague County of Sussex & state aforesaid who being by me first duly sworn 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 was aged seventy seven years sometime in March last.

That in the month of July in the year 1779 this deponent then being a resident of the then town of (Goshen) now Deerpark county of Orange & State of New York was drafted & entered the service of the United States in the early part of the month of July aforesaid in a company of Militia of the State of New York of which Abraham Westfall was captain said company belonged to Colonel Jacob Newkirk's regiment. That said company was drafted for the term of three months & were stationed along the valley of the Neversink river in the Town & County last aforesaid, that said company was first stationed at VanAuken's fort or block house in said valley for the purpose of guarding the inhabitants of Peenpack from the incursions of the Indians.

That on the nineteenth day of July in the year last aforesaid said fort was attacked by the Indians & the Soldiers drove the Indians off. That said company then removed some time & were then removed to Basher's land a place at the line of the now counties of Orange & Sullivan where they remained until then term had expired & were discharge.

That this deponent served the full term of three months in the aforesaid company as a private soldier & was discharged at the place last aforesaid in the early part of the month of October in the year last aforesaid.

That in the year 1782 this deponent then being a resident of the then town of Goshen aforesaid belonged to a class of militia of said State of New York that said class was called onto furnish its man to supply the levies of said State, that the lot fell upon this deponent.

That in the month of April in the year last aforesaid this deponent entered the Service of the United States as a class man for the term of nine months. That deponent was placed in a company of which Abraham Westfall was Captain Charles Stewart first & William Rose Second Lieutenant said company belonged to Colonel Weysenfeldt's regiment. Major Thomas Dewitt was also in command in said regiment that said company during the term aforesaid was engaged in defending the inhabitants on the western frontiers of the Counties of Orange & Ulster from the excursions of the Indians that said company was stationed at Dewitt's Fort at Westfall's fort & Cuyhendall's block house which were all situate in the valley of the Neversink aforesaid and that this deponent served in said company as a private soldier

for the full term of nine months & was discharged in the month of January in the year 1783.

That this deponent has no documentary evidence of his service that he received no written discharges.

That this deponent was born as he has been informed & believes on the [blank] day of March in the year. Seventeen Hundred and Sixty.

That he was in the twentieth year of his age at the time of his entering the service of the United States in the year 1779. That the first tour of service of three months was done by this deponent under a draft & the last tour of service of nine months as a class man. That he was well acquainted with the officers before named under whom he served that he resided in the same town with Captain Westfall at the times of his services aforesaid & within the bounds of his company.

That this deponent continued to reside in said State of New York until the year 1816 when he removed to the county of Sussex & State of New Jersey where he has resided ever since that.

Martin Cuykendall & Wilhelmus Kuykendall are both acquainted with his services as above set forth.

That the Rev. Col. Elting of the Town of Deerpark & County of orange & Benjamin Carpenter of the Town of Deerpark County of Orange & State of New York are acquainted with his deponent & know that in the neighbourhood where he formerly resided & where he now resides he is reputed & believed to have been a soldier of the revolution & to have served as aforesaid.

That this deponent gives as a reason that an application has not been sooner made for a pension under the aforesaid act of Congress, that from old age & bodily infirmity he has not been able to attend to it himself. That he did apply to the Rev. Mr. Elting & several other of his neighbours to assist him in making said application, but from the difficulty in obtaining proof of his service & from the neglect of those to whom he applied for that purpose the application has never been made until at this time although he was repeatedly assured by those to whom he applied that they would attend to it for this deponent.

That he is not a pensioner of any state or Territory of the United States and he hereby relinquishes all claim to any pension except the provisions of the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

That this deponent from old age disease & bodily infirmities is unable to attend the sitting of any court of Record of the State of New Jersey. (Signed with his mark)
John Ousterhoudt

Subscribed & sworn before me this First day of January 1838. James Stott,
Judge.