

Pension Application for John Parish

S.23359

State of New York

County of Washington

On this 25th day of August A.D. 1832 personally appeared before me John Moss a Judge of Washington County Com. Pleas John Parish a resident of the town of Fort Ann County of Washington and State of New York aged eighty one 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 the first time I entered the service I resided in Livingston's Manner [Manor] In the County of Albany then called and State of New York and about the first of August AD 1777 I was drafted for three months in the New York Militia and intered [entered] the service under the command of Capt Peter Best and we marched through Kinderhook to Greenbush and crossed the North river into Albany where we drew our arms andc ammunition from thence we marched up the river to Stillwater when we joined Col. Henry Livingston's Reg, Major Islestone? Was an officer in the Reg. and we were stationed near to Gen Gates's head quarters we kept up camp duties after about three weeks I was detached from the company to take the charge of one of the teams belonging to the United States.

I had the care of the team under the command of Roderick Buley and was with the army during the first and second battle. That Gen Lincoln was wounded and a large number men killed and was imployed in brining Horses and provisions from Half Moon, now Waterford, to the army and procuring and bringing forage that at the time Burgoyne surrendered I was after a load of Flour at Half Moon Point after I delivered the load at Stillwater I returned to Half Moon Point when Capt Roderwick Buley ordered two teams myself one to go to Saratoga at Fish Creek and bring down the cannon which was taken from Burgoyne we went up accordingly when Gen. Schuyler countermanded the order and commanded us to go to drawing stone and place them on the bank of the river which we performed I continued In this employment untill my time expired about the first of Nov and I was dismissed when I had served three months and returned to Livingston's Manner where I resided until in October A.D. 1778. I was drafted in the New York Militia and went into the service under the command of Capt. Joseph Elliot we marched to Stillwater where we remained and was a guard expecting orders from some of our officers commanding and we were discharged. I served and performed my duty as a soldier two weeks and returned to Livingston Manner where I resided untill in Sept. A.D. 1779 when I was drafted in the New York militia for three months and went into the service under the command of Capt Balen and we were furnished with waggons and horses by the government and I was command to take the charge of one we went to FishKill & we were imployed to take flour from the Landing at FishKill fifteen miles east and delivered it where our

guard was placed and a part of the time we were drawing forage from all forts to Fishkill that the Continental Troops lay and was encamped at Fishkill.

I continued in this service until term [term?] for which I was drafted expired which was in December. I served and performed my duty three months and was discharged by Col Hay and I returned to Livingstons Manner aforesaid where I resided until the year A.D. 1792 when I moved into Fort Ann where I now reside and have resided ever since.

That I was born in the year 1757 in Philips [?] Dutches County State of New York and that I have no record of my age. That I have never received a written discharge. That I was born in the year 1751. That I have no documentary evidence and that I know of no person whose testimony I can procure who can testify to my service.

That Rufus Bates a Clergyman and Nathaniel Pitcher to whom I am known in my present neighborhood and who can testify as to my character for veracity and their belief of my services as a soldier of the revolution.

I hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declare that my name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state.

That I am not able from bodily infirmity to attend the court. (Signed) John Parish

Sworn to and Subscribed the day and year aforesaid mentioned before me.
John Moss.

Letter in folder dated May 9, 1934, written in response to an inquiry.

Reference is made to your letter in which you request the Revolutionary War record of John Parish of Fort Ann, Washington County, New York.

The data furnished herein were obtained from the papers on file in pension claim, S.23359, based upon the Revolutionary War service of John Parish.

John Parish was born in the year 1751 in Dutchess County, New York; names of his parents not stated.

While residing in Livingston Manor, Albany County, New York, John Parish enlisted and served in the New York troops, as follows; from sometime in August, 1777 in Captain Peter Best's company, Colonel Henry Livingston's regiment, in about three weeks he was detached from the company and had charge of a team, hauling provisions for the army until after the surrender of Burgoyne; from sometime in October 1778 two weeks under Captain Joseph Elliot, as a guard at Stillwater; from sometime in September, 1779, three months under Captain Bolen or Balen and Colonel Hay, hauling provisions.

John Parish lived at Livingston Manor until in 1792, when he moved to Fort Ann, Washington County, New York, where he was living, when allowed pension on his application executed, August 25, 1832.

William Parish, son of the soldier, was a resident of Fort Ann, New York in 1855. There are no further data in this claim relative to the family of the soldier, John parish.