

Pension Application for John Ray

W.4778 (Widow: Ester or Esther) Married June 17, 1796. John died May 26, 1843.

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State of New York

Washington County SS.

On this twenty eighth day of August in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty two, personally appeared in open court before the Court of Common Pleas in the County of Washington and State of New York aged seventy four years and eleven months, 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.

About the first of August in the year 1776, he enlisted into a company commanded by Captain Stewart, John L. Haddingbergh, 1st Lieut. John Seaton Second Lieut, in Dutchess County in the State of New York at a place called Little Nine Partners. He enlisted for five months, as a substitute for Peter Hand, he then went with his company and embarked on board of a vessel at Red Hook on the Hudson & sailed down the same river to Peekskill where they disembarked, and marched to where Fort Independence now stands, which Fort they assisted in building.

They were attached to a Regiment commanded by Col. Graham, their majors name was Barker. From Fort Independence they went to Long Island & from thence to White Plains to Sing Sing & Morrisena.

The British shipping in both the east and North Rivers at that time.

They were marched to Peekskill & Discharged by Capt. Stewart. He then received a written discharge which he has lost, he then went home having served out his period of his enlistment.

In the year 1777—about the middle of September, he enlisted as a substitute for Lewis Briant for one month to go to the westward, the place of enlistment was the same as before. Was enlisted by one Smith a Lieut of Dutchess County, crossed the river at Esopus & went to a place called Lurin Kill, where he served out his month. They were sent there for a guard. Joined no Regiment and this deponent does not recollect that they were attached to any Regiment. He was dismissed by the officers after serving out his term and went home.

In the month of December of the same year he enlisted at a place called the Great Nine Partners in Dutchess County into a company commanded by Capt. Elihu Ingalls, who was a forage master, for the term of three months, he business was carting and sledding forage for the army, which was procured from the country and carried to FishKill in New York where the army lay, he served three months in this manner and then was dismissed by Captain Ingalls and went home (he was discharged at the Nine Partners).

In the latter part of the year 1778. His father moved to the Town of Easton in Washington County then in the town of Saratoga County of Albany.

In the year 1779, he was out in the militia under Captain Peter Vanwort, Lieut Storms. It was said they belonged to Col. McCrea's Regiment. They went to the line of the American Army at Saratoga near the place where Burgoyne surrendered to general gates at several times in the same year, was out under the same officers on the line at Saratoga went to Fort Edward.

In the year 1780 in the month of May as near as he can recollect, he went on an expedition as a volunteer in a company commanded by Captain Job Wrights, they went under the command of Governor George Clinton. He went to Fort George on Lake George crossed over Lake George in Batteaux and went through woods along the west short of Lake Champlain, was gone about a month, and was discharged at Fort George by Gov. Clinton. The same year he was out several times under VanWort as far as the lines in Saratoga. Was under the command of Col. Peter Yates and Major Vanvecten. Was also up as far as Fort Edward and Palmertown. He was enrolled in Captain VanWoerts company in 1779 and remained in the company until the close of the war, his whole service in that company he thinks was six months, including the expedition under Capt. Wright. He has a record of his age in a book now in his possession, which he took from a family record—he was born in the year 1757 in Livingston Manor State of New York. He has no documentary evidence except he annexed letter which he received from his father while in the service.

He was in one batch at White Plains. He lived in Livingston's Manor when he entered the service, since the Revolution has lived in the Counties of Washington, Rensselaer & Saratoga, State of New York.

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. (Signed) John Ray

Sworn and subscribed the day and year aforesaid. J. S. Leigh, Clerk