

Pension Application for John Resseguie

S.14268

Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7, 1832.

State of New York

County of Schoharie SS.

On this sixth day of Oct'r 1832 personally appeared in open court before William Beekman, William Mann & Henry Shafer now sitting Judges of the Court of Common Pleas of the town of Schoharie.

Now sitting John Resseguie a Resident of the town of Sharon In the County of Schoharie and State aforesaid aged 74 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 Officers and served as herein stated.

1st Was born in the tow of Ridgefield Fairfield County and State of Connecticut on the 2nd day of April 1758 now 74 years of age.

2nd has no record of his age excepting in his Bible.

3rd was living in the town of Ridgefield County and State aforesaid before the Revolutionary War and during the war, after the war lived in different places until the year 95, then settled himself in the town of Sharon Schoharie County State aforesaid and has lived on the same farm he now [?] from that time to the present date, making about 37 years.

That about Nov'r in the year 75 he listed the term of three months under Ebenezer Jones Capt Lieut Garbiel benedict, John Hicks Ensign, Philip B. Bradley Col. Went together to the City of New York then was placed on guard during said term and served his time faithfully, thinks he was discharged by work, then went from about Jan 20th in 76 before the 1st Independance was. Celebration or declared and previous to the arrival of the British fleet at New York [?] by Lord Howe he then listed the term of 6 months and was under Col. Philip B. Bradley, Capt. Elisha Abels and William Hawley, Lieut, he thinks was placed in the service in New York City about 5 days, was then marched to Bergin Town Point opposite Staten Island on Jersey side was then kept on guard about 4 months, was there when Lord Howe arrived and landed his Army on Long Island and when the Battle of Long Island and when City of New York was taken by the enemy—was then marched near Newark on Jersey side was there a short time, was then marched to Fort Washington and was in the service at the fort when it was taken by Genl Howe, was not in the ft and then retreated acrost the time at this time to Fort Lee (Recollects a number Americans were made prisoners at this time at Fort Washington).

Was at Fort Lee when it was given up to the enemy, and was then marched on a retreat to different places before the enemy when they took Amboy, Elizabeth town, Brunswick, Princeton and Trenton. Until he crossed the river in Pennsylvania; and was there when Genl Washington on the 25th Dec'r took the Hessians Prisoners

(something like a thousand) about which time his time expired—thinks he was discharged by word, Can't [??] by whom served this time six months.

About 20th Jany 77 went in the service as volunteer under Capt. Hilyard which company was raised in the town of Redding and other towns I serving [??] in Col in Connecticut, met there, was then immediately marched to Horsneck was there stationed on guard continually for about 4 mos, cannot remember any other of the officers at this time thinks he was discharged by his said Capt at this time about May 20th by word--served this time four months.

In the spring of year (1778 he thinks) he then listed a term of 6 months and thinks under his former Capt. Abels [?] Maj'r Abels, cannot recollect any other of his officers at this time. Marched to Farifield and other places. East and west of them, was placed on guard for the purpose of preventing plundering and other depredations and served at this time two months then hired a substitute to take his place for the remaining 4 months. Is not fully satisfied whether this service as in the year '77 or '78. Served this time two months.

In the year 79 early in that year he then went in the service for the term of 4 months as a substitute (for Samuel Nichols of the town of Norwich Fairfield County CT) was stationed at the Highlands not far from West Point, was on guard &c was he thinks under Capt Cornstalk in Col. Sherman's Regiment then called 2nd Connecticut Regiment of the [?] said 4 months the said Nichols then took his place was discharged by him.

In the year 80 went in the service again for the said Nichols for the term of 5 months In the fall of that year which the same officers, was stationed to the same place and other places near there, and, on guard &c, was again discharged by the said Nichols, taking his place himself, served his time faithfully for 5 months this time.

In the year 81 about June went in the service again, as a substitute for Ehaphalet Bradley of Greenfield, Fairfield County, CT. for the term of three months and a half was marched to New London on the sea shore was then on guard near the light house his term expired a few days before, Ft. Griswald was taken and Col. Ledyard killed, remembers none of his under officers at this time, but feels positive he was in Genl Huntington's Brigade. The said Bradley took his place and was discharged by him. Served his said time faithfully for three months and ½.

At another time went in service as volunteer under Capt Stevens of Westchester Co. N.Y. Capt and Com'y were Volunteers, marched to Bedford and other places near, and other places then kept guard, recollects the Lieut name was [Mor???] served at the time 3 months, this was in the fall season but cannot remember the year, nor remembers who discharged him at this time.

Was also drafted many other times stationed at Bedford North Castle and other places near there cannot remember the terms nor officers.

At another time was in service or served on Continental term under Capt. Buryann of Long Island. Served said term about Danby Ct and Fishkill N.Y.

Was in no battles except at Ft. Washington. Has no witnesses near this place that he cannot procure to testify to his services, he the said John Resseguie hereby

relinquishes every claim to a pension or annuity except the present and declares his name is not on the pension roll of any agency of any state. (Signed) John Resseguie

Subscribed and sworn in open court the day & year aforesaid. John Gebhard
Jr. Clk.