

Pension Application for John Riddle

S.15617

State of Kentucky

Henry County SS.

Be it known that on this 14th day of Dec 1833 personally appeared before William McCracken one of the Justices of the peace In and for Henry County Kentucky and one of the Justices of the Henry County Court John Riddle a resident of the said County of Henry Ky aged 73 years who cannot attend the proper court and who being first duly sworn according to law doth upon his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7th 1843.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated that is to say being a resident of Dutchess [Dutchess] County New York he entered the service of the United States as a drafted militia man and private soldier upon a tour of six months in the company of Capt Dodge.

That he thus entered the service in the month of May 1778 as well as he remembers and he rendezvoused with his company at Fishkill in New York where he came under the command of Col. Wisenfelt—that he there remained but a short time and was then marched or carried to Newburgh in New York where he was kept but a few days and was then conducted to Albany New York where he was kept stationed as a part of the garrison for some time and was then marched about 15 miles from that place to the Mohawk river at a place the name of which has escaped his memory where he was kept stationed for sometime from thence he was marched to Johnstown where he was stationed for a while being under the command of Genl Sullivan and there was a battle fought at that place with the Indians & Canadians whilst he was there In which he was personally engaged.

After the said battle he was marched to Saratoga where he was kept stationed during the residue of his term of service and where he assisted In raising a block house and at the termination of his said term of service having fully and faithfully served out the same he was discharged and returned home.

He further states and declares that in the month of May in the year 1779 as well as he remembers he again entered the service of the United States as a drafted militia man and private soldier in the company of Capt White upon a tour of three months.

That he rendezvoused again at Fishkill with his company and was attached to the regiment of Col Starkes. He states that he continued at Fishkill his said place of Rendezvous as a part of the Garrison of that place during his whole tour and at the termination thereof he was discharged having fully and faithfully served out the same and immediately therefor without leaving the Garrison at the said place he enlisted into service of the United States with Captain Savage for and during the war and in a few days thereafter he was conducted from thence to New Windsor and there received \$16 in silver as a bounty from Major Logan. That he was conducted from thence to

West Point where he was kept as a part of the Garrison till the conclusion of peace in 1783 and he was then discharge.

She states that that post was then under the command of Genl Putnam.

She states that he was drafted to the Regiment of Artillery under the command of Col. Lamb—She states that he was in the service after his enlistment a year or two before he came under the immediate command of Captain Savage and Col. Lamb both of whom he believes were at the siege of York and he has forgotten the names of the officers who had the direct command of him after his enlistment till Captain Savage & Col. Lamb took command of him. He states that he served out his enlistment faithfully and was discharged by his said Capt. and Colo at the Conclusion of service.

She states that he served at the least 9 months in the revolutionary war as a private militia soldier and 4 years as a regular soldier and for that service he claims a pension.

He states that he has no documentary evidence and that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to my service.

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.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid. (Signed with his mark)
John Riddle

Interrogatories put to the above named applicant by the said William McCrackin Justice of the Peace as af'sd.

1st Where and in what year were you born?

Answer. I was born in Morris County New Jersey in 1760.

3d Have you any record of your age & if so where is it?

Answer I have in the Bible of my fathers in the State of Ohio.

3d Where were you living when called into service; where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

Answer. I lived in Dutchess County New York when called into service—after peace was made I went to Morris County New Jersey where I remained a few years and then I moved into Pennsylvania where I lived sometime and then moved to Frederick County Va where I lived upwards of two years and then moved to Lexington Ky, where I remained about one year and then went back to Morris County New Jersey and there lived about 8 years and then moved to Shelby County Ky where I continued to live for some years and then moved to Henry County Ky, where I have been living mostly since the year 1816 up to the present time.

4th How were you called into service; were you drafted did you volunteer or were you a substitute and if a substitute for whom.

Answer. I was drafted upon my two first tours and I then enlisted.

5th State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops where served, such continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

Answer. I recollect Genls Putnam, Sullivan & Greene & Col. Crane, Adjutant Bradford & Col. Lamb & Genl LaFayette all of whom were regular officers—I do not now remember the names of any of the Cols of Militia regiment. My first tour was made under a draft of six months—In what tour I was under Capt Dodge, Col. Wisenfelt, and Genl Sullivan and we had an engagement at Johnstown in which I was personally engaged—In my second tour I was in garrison at Fishkill and in my regular services I was in Garrison at WestPoint.

6th Did you ever receive a discharge from the service and if so by whom was it given and what has become of it?

Answer. I rec'd discharges from each service signed by my officers which I have long since lost.

7th State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief of your services as a soldier of the revolution.

Answer I will name Mr. Knight and [line ends here]

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid. (Signed with his mark)
John Riddle

Ed P. Thomas Clerk of the Court of Henry County Kentucky.

Letter in folder dated August 29, 1935, written in response to an inquiry.

Reference is made to your request for information in regard to Revolutionary War soldiers, Jedediah Freeman and John Ridde.

Revolutionary War data furnished by this office are obtained from claims made to the United States for pension and bounty land based upon the military service of soldiers in that war. A careful search of the records fails to show such claim on file on account of the service of a Jedediah Freeman.

The data which follow were obtained from papers on file in the pension claim, S.15617, based upon the military service of John riddle.

He was born in 1760 in Morris County, New Jersey, and in 1833 he stated that his age was recorded in the Bible of his father (name not given) in Ohio.

While living in Dutchess County, New York, he enlisted in May, 1778, and served six months as private in Captain Dodge's company in Colonel Weisenfels' New York regiment. He enlisted in May, 1779, and served three months as private in Captain White's company in Colonel Starkes' New York regiment. Immediately after the expiration of this service he enlisted in an United States artillery regiment, names of officers in command for the first year or two of this enlistment not given but after that time his company was commanded by Captain Savage and Colonel Lamb commanded the regiment and he was discharged in 1783, having served four years during this enlistment. He was in the battle of Johnstown. (In handwriting: *Did not place this battle in first enlistment as soldier gave it as said battle was in 1780 and again in 1781 according to Heitman.*)

After the Revolution he moved to Morris County, New Jersey. A few years later he moved to Pennsylvania, from there to Frederick County, Virginia, from there to

Lexington, Kentucky, from there back to Morris County, New Jersey, from there to Shelby County, Kentucky, and in 1816 he moved to Henry County, Kentucky.

He was allowed pension on his application executed December 14, 1833, at which time he was living in Henry County, Kentucky.

The papers in this claim contain no data relative to the soldier's family.