

Pension Application for Frederick Schram, Scram, etc.

S.15212

Pension of 2

\$24.44 was granted to Frederick Schram

State of New York

Greene County SS.

On this fourth day of September 1832, personally appeared in open court before the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas of the County of Greene, now sitting at the Village of Catskill in the said County, Frederick Scram, a resident of the said town of Catskill, in the county of Greene and State of New York aged Eighty years who being first duly sworn, according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration, in order to attain 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—that he was born in the present town of Catskill, in the county of Greene and state of New York, on the 21st day of April 1752.

That he has no family record of his age, nor does he know that any was ever made. He has received from his parents the information of the time of his birth, which he believes to be correct. That in the month of January 1775 (1) he was drafted in the Militia to go to Johnstown, in the County of Montgomery in the State of New York that the company to which he was attached was commanded by Benjamin Dubois (2) of Catskill—the Regiment was commanded by a Major by the name of Ignatius VanOrder (3) of Catskill, that he went with the militia to Johnstown & left home on the 15th day of January and was engaged in that service about ten days.

That Sir John Johnston (4) commanded a party of Indians & Tories at Johnstown at this time, this deponent went there, and upon his surrender this deponent returned home—that the next service performed by this deponent he volunteered and went to Fort Constitution (5) in the Highlands, in the Hudson River in the State of New York—this was in the year 1775 and this deponent was at the fort. Which month was that he cannot state the month he left home, but well recollects that he returned home late in the fall of that year.

That the company to which he attached, who went to Fort Constitution, was commanded by one Williams of the city of Albany the Lieutenant of the Company was one Philip Staats (6) and Peter VanBurgen (7) was Ensign as this deponent thinks. That one Bailey commanded the Fort and this deponent knew that Capt. Jackson Lieutenant Elsworth & Lieutenant McGee (8)—that this deponent at the expiration of the said three months was permitted with the company to return home, which they did—and took passengers on Board of a Sloop that this is the year 1776. He was frequently called out as a minute man in scouting parties and arresting Tories & taking them before the Committees appointed for their trial—that he was almost constantly engaged that year in that business. That he was drafted in the militia in the year 1776 and went to Fort Edward.

That Thomas Houghtaling (9) of Coxsackie commanded the Company to which he Belonged and Wessel Salisbury (10) of Catskill was the Lieutenant. That Anthony Van Bergen of Coxsackie commanded the Regiment. That General Schuyler commanded the American troops at Fort Edward, in June this deponent arrived there—that he remained there & was in the retreat of General Schuyler (11) to Stillwater—that General Gates (12) arrived and took the command and the militia who went with this deponent were permitted to return home. That he was in the army two months at the time herein before stated.

That during the remainder of the year 1776 and until the termination of the War this deponent was in the service as a minute man and engaged in the service in scouting parties and in arresting Tories and protecting that part of the country in which he resided from the destruction of the Indians & to Tories that he was at Schoharie at the different times and in all two months in defending that place, and was in the Fort there.

This deponent further says that he has no documentary evidence of his service in the war and that he has produced the affidavits of such persons as he can attain who knows as to his services.

This deponent hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension a annuity, except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state. (Signed) Fred'k Schram

Subscribed & sworn in open court Sept 5th, 1832. William V.B. Hermance clerk

End Notes—S.15212—Frederick Schram

1. This happened in January of 1776.
2. Captain Benjamin C. Dubois in Colonel Anthony VanVergen's Eleventh Regiment of Albany County Militia.
3. First Major Ignatius VanOrder in the Eleventh Albany.
4. Sir John Johnson, son of Sir William Johnson who had died on July 11, 1774, leaving Sir John vast holdings of land and property in the Mohawk Valley. Sir John fled to Canada in May of 1776 and raised a regiment of Loyalists to fight against the patriots.
5. This service was also in 1776. Fort Constitution built on Constitution Island in the North River (Hudson River) across from West Point.
6. Second Lieutenant Philip Staats of Captain Nicholas Staats' Company in Colonel Kilian VanRensselaer's Fourth Regiment of Albany County Militia.

7. Peter VanBergen was the Ensign in Captain John A. Witbeck's Fourth Company in the Eleventh Regiment.
8. Captain William Jackson, Lieutenant Peter Elsworth and Lieutenant Peter Magee were in Colonel James Clinton's Second New York Continental Regiment of 1776.
9. Thomas Hoghtaling was Captain of the First Company in the Eleventh Albany.
10. Wessel Salisbury served as Second Lieutenant in Captain Witbeck's company.
11. Major General Philip Schuyler of the Continental Army.
12. Major General Horatio Gates of the Continental Army who replaced General Schuyler in August of 1777 as commander of the retreating American Army before General John Burgoyne's advancing British Army.