

Pension Application for John Sickles or Sickels

R.9559 (Widow: Hannah)
State of New York
Herkimer County SS

On the ninth day of October 1832 personally appeared in open court before the Court of Common Pleas in and for the County of Herkimer now sitting John Sickles of the Town of Norway in the County of Herkimer State of New York aged seventy six years of age who being first duly sworn doth on oath depose and make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passeth June seventh 1832 do make the following declaration to wit that he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein after stated.

I John Sickles being a resident of the Town of Norway County of Herkimer State of New York says he was born in Dutchess County on the 15th day of October 1756, says that he has no record of his age. Says that and calculates his birth day by his age as had from parents, that he resided in the county of Albany at a place called Germans Patent, at the time of his enlistment in the service of the United States for the term of nine months, this enlistment took place soon after the commencement of the war but does not recollect the year but says that it was in the spring of the year, says that he was enlisted in the aforesaid service by Capt. Danile Vanantwerp under the immediate command of Colonel Fisher, Major Isaac Verplank during my term of enlistment I rendered the following service soon after my enlistment I was sent by Capt. VanAndwerp in the woods to chop cord wood and set [?] and carrying the firewood to Queeman [Coeyman's?] Landing. This wood was for the benefit of the Continental Establishment. I furthermore state that I was selected in [?] with about one hundred out of my regiment as Rangers for the purpose of pursuing the Indians Tories and that one did go and pursue them as far as to the Susquehannah River and on that [?] there were several Indian s& Tories killed I further now state that I served out my term of Enlistment out in and about Albany & Greenbush & that I Received my written discharge at the expiration of my time of enlistment from Colonel Fisher the commander of the regiment during my enlistment, said discharge is lost or destroyed does not know which.

I furthermore declare that some time after my first term of enlistment had expired perhaps one month that I enlisted in the war of the Revolution as a private soldier for during the war at GreenBush opposite of Albany. Says he enrolled into Colonel Gansevoort's Regiment and then in Col. Fisher, Regiment and thinks that he was enlisted by Colonel Fisher himself at GreenBush.

I furthermore declares that my enlistment for during the war that I remained in the service from that time until the close of the war until peace was declared and that from the day of my enlistment for during the war I was on duty every day stayed much the army encampment with them and that I served as fif Major during this whole enlistment till the close of the war and that I received my discharge at the close of the war at Fort Edwards near Lake Champlain [Champlain] and that I received a written discharge but can not say by whom, which discharge is lost or destroyed—I do further state that I cannot recollect the year that I first returned the service nor the year I left the service at the close of the war but I can safely and truly say that I served in the war of the revolution from the commencement til the end thereof and that during which time I rendered no other services and did no other labor employed in no other business than that of in defence of my country and obeyed the order of Superior officers. I further state I do not recollect of any living person who can testify to any of my services in the war of the revolution but to the best of my recollection as far as I have under stood they are all dead.

This deponent further state I rendered my Revolutionary Services during my enlistment for during the war at the following paces and according to the best of my recollection was commanded by the following officers to wit says that he was called two or three times to fort Stanwicks to build the fort under Captain Francis Winner, that he was employed one whole summer at Germans Landing a few miles below Albany in building row gallies sometime called fire ships at one time was called to Montgomery County to Stone Arabia thinks under General Gansevoort or VanRensselaer says that he did duty during the war at the server forts along the Mohawk river in differ times & years to wit say recollect of doing duty at forts Hunter also at Fort Plain, Fort Stanwicks and Fort Bull—he helped build it under Capt. French.

I further would state that I rendered services in the war of the Revolution at several places along the North River but cannot say the year when it took place to wit I recollect of being called to Caskoskey [Coxsackie?] also Kinderhook, New Canaan says that the company or regiment he belonged to lay one whole summer at Scodack recollects of being send [sent] to the Indian fields as called also to a place called Freehold was sent to Schoharry, Albany GreenBush, Lansingburgh, Fort Edward, Saratoga, says that the company he belonged was sent to Saratoga to assist in the battle that was, fought there but arriving too late came when the battle was over says saw the dead bodies lay on the ground the ground all covered with blood says recollects of being called to Plattesburgh.

This deponent further states during the war of the Revolution I received from government a list of clothing adapted to me as fife Major to wit, one red scarlet coat with blue facings one three corner cocked hat one white under jacket one pair of yellow Berkshire Pantaloons one pair white stocking one white hankershief, this deponent further saith that he at another time drew from government on whole new set of white cotton clothing, say that said clothing he received from and was [?] by a Col. John McCarthy who [?] at Germans Landing who [?] clothing to supply the army.

This deponent further saith that he was born at the place called FishKill says that he has no record of his age.

Says he resided where he entered such service of the revolution about 4 miles easterly of German Landing some [?] miles below Albany removed from there to the Town of Minden Montgomery County from thence Norway the present place of my residence.

Say never drafted nor was a substitute but an enlisted private soldier from the beginning of the Revolutionary war til the end thereof and further saith that he has not clergy whom he could obtain to testify to my age neither do I know of any clergy now living that knows anything respecting my age. This deponent further saith that he was personally acquainted with the following officers in the war of the revolution to wit. General Gansevoort, General VanRanselaer, General Lee, General Arnold, General Herkimer Colonel Colonel [sic] Willet, Colonel Francis Winner, Colonel James Waldrom, Colonel Joseph Springsteet, Major Ten Eyck, Major Verplank, Major Blakey, Major Searmahorn, Capt. Daniel Van Antwerp, Capt. John French.

This deponent further saith that he has received a written discharge at the close of the war, which is lost, and that he had received on for the nine months of Colonel Fisher a written discharge at the end of my nine month enlistment soon after the beginning of the war which is also lost.

The following person residing in my immediate neighborhood who can testify to my veracity and their belief of my services as a soldier in the Revolution to wit John Roth, John Warmuth & Thomas Hall.

This deponent further states that he never received any annuity or pension from any law of the United States providing for officers and soldier in the war of the Revolution. Hereby relinquish every claim 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 with his mark) John Sickles

Sworn in open court this 10 Oct. 1832. F.E. Spinner Dept Clerk