

Pension Application for Elias Snyder

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State of New York
Cayuga County SS.

On this 17th day of January AD 1833, personally appeared before me the first judge of the Court of Common Pleas in & for the said County Elias Snyder of Mentz in said County who being duly sworn doth on his oath make the following declaration supplementary & in addition to the accompanying declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June 7 1832.

That he was born in the town of Kingston, now Saugerties, in the County of Ulster and State of New York AD 1762 as appears by the church record in the said town of Saugerties, which is all the record he now has of his age. That he never served under any Continental officer or with any Continental Regiment and cannot as he believes be more particular in his relation of the general nature of his services than he has in said declaration. That he saw and knew Col. Malcom, and Col. Paulding and other Continental officers but their names he does not now remember—that John Jeffiers who has subscribed and sworn to the certificate accompanying said declaration is a clergyman residing in the said town of Mentz, and St. Clair Smith who has also signed the same is a resident of said town—that they are acquainted with him and have testified as to his character and their belief of his services as a soldier of the Revolution.-- (Signed) Elias Snyder

Sworn & subscribed the day & year aforesaid. J. L. Richardson, first Judge of Cayuga.

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On this 17th day of September A.D. 1832 personally appeared in open Court, before the Court of Common Pleas in and for the County of Cayuga, and State of New York, aged 6[?] and upwards 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 of the act of Congress, passed June 7th 1832:--That he entered the service under the following named officers, and served as herein stated:--

That about the first of July AD 1778, then being a resident of the town of Kingston, in the County of Ulster in the State of New York he entered the service of the United States as a substitute for one William Vallock in the Company of Militia commanded by Capt. Henry Schomaker in Col. Johannes Snyder's Regiment for the purpose of scouting, for a term of one month, that said company was divided and he continued to range the frontier in Ulster County under the immediate command of Capt. Henry Schomaker during the whole of said term—He further declares that in the month of May AD 1779 he again entered said service for a term of two months in the company first commanded by Lieutenant Tobias Myers and afterwards under the command of Ensign Peter Brink & under the direction of Col. Johannes Snyder, that he was engaged during the whole of said time in scouting and ranging the frontiers in Ulster County—

He further declares that in the month of August AD 1779 he again entered said service in the company of Militia commanded by Lieut. Abraham VanAken in the Regiment commanded by Col. Albert Paulding for the purpose of joining the army of Gen. Sullivan in his expedition against the Indians, that said Regiment marched westwardly to Tuscarora for the purpose of joining the Brigade of Gen. Clinton which was coming down the Susquehannah from Otsego Lake to that place, that said Regiment arrived too late to join said Brigade, and from thence returned home—that said regiment marched from Kingston Ulster County to Scandaken from thence Poghatoglihon (now Middletown) on the east branch of the Delaware River, thence down the River to its forks, from thence up the west branch to a place called Cook House, from thence to Tuscarora, and from thence the same rout[e] back to Kingston as aforesaid, that he was in service at this time a term of twenty six days—

He further declares that about the middle of October following he again entered said service in the company of militia commanded by Captain Evert Bogardus, & Lieutenant John Parsons, that he marched with said company to Fishkill where he continued to serve under the command of Col. Hathorn of Orange County for a term of between six and seven weeks, when he was discharged, that it was said it this time that the militia were called out to take New York City—

He further declares that in the month of April AD 1780 he was enrolled in the nine months service in the company of Captain Livingston as he believes, that after said enrolment and in consequence thereof, and before the time he was to enter said service, he was taken prisoner by the Indians and Torys (by the instigation of the torys) on the sixth day of May in the year aforesaid, that he was taken to the frontier in Ulster County and from thence through the wilderness to Fort Niagara and there delivered up to Col. Butler and put under British guard, and from thence sent down to Montreal and put in close confinement and kept until June 13th AD 1781, at which time with a number of other prisoners he was put on the Isle of Jesce and from there remained until September 10th 1782 when he made his escape from said Island, and traveled through the wilderness to New Hampshire and from thence to Ulster County the place where he was made a prisoner where he arrived on the 11th October 1782, making a term of captivity of two years five months and five days. He further says that he was so taken captive in consequence of his having been enrolled in the nine months service as aforesaid as he then believed and still believes that his father Jeremiah Snyder was taken captive at the same time, that they lived upon the frontier and were surrounded by Tory neighbours to whom they were peculiarly obnoxious on account of their activity in the Whig cause, that his father was a captain in the militia a very active man in discovering and giving information of the movements of the torys & Indians on the frontiers.

He further declares that in the spring of the year 1783, he again entered said service as an Indian Spy, for the protection of the frontier, that he continued to serve as such spy a term of one month and a half, that he was engaged as such spy together with six other sunder the command of Lieut Martin Humbal & under the direction of Col. Johannes Snyder—that he never received a written discharge from said service and has no documentary evidence of said service, that he has no other proof of said service that the accompanying traditionary evidence of Benjamin Snider, Moses Snider.

He hereby relinquishes all claim to a pension except the present & declares that his name of any state or territory [sic].

Sworn & declares the day & year aforesaid. (Signed) Elias Snyder