

Pension Application for John L. Snyder

W.17,852 (Widow: Maria Derestine.) Married winter of the year 1788. John died June 5, 1845.

State of New York

Schoharie County SS.

On this twelfth day of November in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty two, personally appeared in open court, before the Judges of the Court of Oyer and Terminer holden in and for the county of Schoharie, and State aforesaid now sitting, John L. Snyder, a resident of the town of Schoharie, in the County of Schoharie and State of New York aged sixty nine years and nine months lacking five days, 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 7th 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated.

That in the fall of the year 1778 he entered the service as a substitute for one Jacob Marich for one month at Schoharie (now) county of Schoharie and State of New York where he then lived in Capt. Jacob Huger's Company in Colonel Peter Vrooman's Regiment. That they were then stationed at the upper Fort in Schoharie where he continued to serve in said company and regiment till his month was out when he was discharged at the Middle Fort in Schoharie.

That early in the spring of 1779 he again entered the service at Schoharie aforesaid in Captain Stubrach's Company in Colonel Vrooman's Regiment as a Substitute for one Ludwick Snyder, he was discharged at the lower fort in Schoharie aforesaid was part of the [?] at the middle fort, that he continued to serve in said company and regiment till late in November, when he was discharged at Schoharie aforesaid.

In the month of April 1780 he again entered the service in Captain Christian Stubrach's company in Colonel Peter Vrooman's Regiment at Schoharie aforesaid that they were stationed at the lower fort in Schoharie.

That he continued to serve in said company and regiment till sometime in the month of November when he was discharged at Schoharie aforesaid.

That he was born in Schoharie the 17th day of February 1763 Schoharie then was in the county of Albany and State of New York.

2nd That his age is recorded in the High Dutch Reformed Church Book in Schoharie now county of Schoharie and State of New York.

3rd That he was living in Schoharie aforesaid when called into the service and has lived there since the revolutionary war and lives there now.

4th That he firstly entered the service as a substitute for one Jacob Marich and the second time as a substitute for Ludwick Snyder and the third time he entered for himself as a volunteer or as a drafted soldier can't say which.

5th Does not recollect the names of any of the regular officers who were stationed at Schoharie nor does he recollect that there were any there unless it was for a short time nor can he recollect, with any degree of certainty about the Continental and Militia regiments. Colonel Butler lay at Middle fort for a time, Maj. Par of the rifle corp [corp.] was there a short time.

6th That he is known to the following persons in his neighbourhood who he thinks can testify to his character for veracity and their belief of his services as a soldier of the revolution to wit, Jacob Schoolcraft, John Schoolcraft, Bartholomew Sevant, & Philip Bergh and Marinus Schafer.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatsoever 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) John L. Snyder

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid in open court. John Gebhard Jr. Clk.

Extract of a letter to the Pension Office from Carlisle, under date of the 23d March 1840.

“In my late tour into Schohary I was informed by honorable men, that pensions had been granted to old Tories and the widow of one Tory. Tice, or Matthias Rynhart, judged to be about sixty two or three years old is I am told on the pension list and that John Snyder and the widow of Jacob Lawyer, who were both Tories in the Revolutionary War, I am told are also on the pension roll. I have no personal knowledge of any of those persons, or of the facts stated to me. If you deem proper to have the subject investigated, I would advise you to apply to Jacob Houck, Esqr., Attorney at Law, near the Court House Schohary County. The pensions were obtained by Judge Halladay.” (Signed) Henry F. Yates