

Pension Application for Ludowick Snyder

S.11436 (In the file it says "the correct spelling of the name is Lodowick Snyder. Date of Birth August 12, 1756. Date of death June 3, 1841. He was married twice. This was written by W. J. Tilford, Smith's Basin, NY)

Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

State of New York

County of Washington

One this twenty eighth day of August 1832, personally appeared in open court before the Court of common Pleas [sic] for the County of Washington now sitting, Ludowick Snyder a resident of the town of Argyle in the County of Washington and State of New York, aged seventy six 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 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.

He was first ordered out as a militia [sic] man in the early part of the summer of 1777, say May or June of that year, at least it was before the British came up the North River & while the chain was across the River at West Point as he remembers distinctly of looking how the chain was fastened to the point of the river. He was stationed at Fort Putnam near West Point.—The regiment to which he belonged was commanded either by Col. Peter Livingston or his younger brother Harry & not certain which was the Col. at that time, but recollects that very shortly after the commencement of the war that Peter Livingston was succeeded in the command of the Regt by Col. Harry Livingston. Samuel TenBrook was Major and Henry Irvine or Irwin was Lieutenant. The capt was not out at that time. He does not recollect the precise times that he was on duty at this time, but knows that it was at least two weeks.

Shortly afterwards, not more than a month, he was called out again, thinks the whole regiment was out this time. He was at this time, marched up the North River from Livingston's Manor, where he then lived, to VanShaik's [VanSchaick's] Island opposite Lansingsburgh. The same officers commanded this time that did the preceding with the exception that he recollects distinctly that it was Col. Harry Livingston that commanded the Regiment. At this time he was on duty at least three weeks.

He was again permitted to return home where he remained a fortnight or three weeks, when he was again called out & marched up the river to Bemis Heights where he was on the 19th Sept 1777 at the time of the Battle. After the battle he was sent over the river (that is from the West to the East side – marched up to opposite Fishkill, and remained four days at Saratoga. His field officers were the same as before. His capt's name was Adam Housewright. He was at the time, that he was on the East side of the river under General Fellow from New England, he recollects of being sent to him with some orders being a Sergeant at this time. He is not able to state precisely the time that he was on duty this tour, but knows that it must have been at least three weeks. He was there until after Burgoyne surrendered.

Sometime after this he was again called out and was marched to Fort Herkimer where he was stationed sometime & also at another Fort called Fort Planck or Fort Plane, does not recollect which. He does not recollect what year but knows that it was the fall of the same year, that the Indians burned the German Flatts on the Mohawk. At this time he was on duty six weeks. His Captain's name was Henry Pulver.

Another time he was called out as a militia man & taken to Albany, where he remained two weeks. This time was after Burgoyne's surrender; but does not recollect the date of the year; nor who were his officers.

He was again enlisted as a ranger for three months, which he served under Capt. Peter Gosbeck, (who was afterwards a member of Congress) and Lieutenant Samuel Ten Brock, (not the same who was the Maj. in the Malitia. This was after Burgoyne's defeat. But cannot recollect what was the date of the month or year.

He lived in Livingston's Manor during all the time of the revolutionary war, and has for many years since resided in the town of Argyle, County of Washington & State of New York. According to a record in a Bible given him by his father & in his father's handwriting, he was born August 12, 1756.

He has no documentary evidence & knows of no person whose testimony he can procure, who can testify to his 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 any State.

For the past twenty six years he has lived in the town of Argyle & County of Washington NY, and all the preceding part of his life, he lived in Livingston's Manor where he lived at the time of the Revolutionary War. His amount of service of which he is positive, as stated above is seven months, for all which he was drafted as a militia soldier, except the three months that he was enlisted as a ranger.

(Signed with his mark) Ludowick Snyder

Sworn in open court this 28 day of Augt 1832. J. S. Leigh Clk

The declaration of Ludowick Snyder an applicant for a pension under the Act of June 7th 1832, amended in more particular answers to the interrogatories propounded by the court.

1. Where and in what year were you born? The applicant answers in Livingston Manor, now the county of Columbia, State of New York and in the year 1756.
2. Have you any record of your age, and if so where is it? The applicant answers, that his age was recorded in a Bible given him by his Father—in his father's hand writing, which Bible was exchanged with his brother more than forty years since; and this brother has been long dead & his family scattered. He cannot tell what is now become of the record.
3. Where were you living when called into service; where have you lived since the Revolutionary war, & where do you now live? When called into service, the applicant states, that he lived in Livingston's Manor now Columbia Co., NY where he was born and where he continued to live until the last twenty six years, since which time, he has lived in the town of Argyle, County of Washington & State of New York.
4. How were you called into service? He answers, that he was drafted all the times he was in the service except the last three months when he was enlisted as a ranger.
5. State the names of some of the regular officers, who were with the troops where you served &c. In addition to the officers of the regiment of Malitia, to which the applicant belonged mentioned in the body of the declaration, he recollects Generals Gates, who commanded at Bemis Heights, also General Arnold, who afterwards turned traitor, and Col. Harry Livingston of the regular Army, who took a brass cannon of the British which was again retaken by the British & the same piece, again recaptured by Col. Livingston. This Col. Livingston (not the Malitia Col. of the same name) he personally knows he was from what was commonly called the Lower Manor & was brother to the late Chancellor Livingston of New York. He recollects the name of Morgan and of hearing of his riflemen.
6. Did you ever receive a discharge from the service; and if so by whom as it given &c? The applicant answers he never received a discharge, nor has he any documentary evidence, nor does he now know of any person, he could procure, whose [who] could testify to his service.
7. State the names of persons to whom you rare known in your present neighborhood, &c. Besides the names of those to testified on oath to his character for veracity in court when he made affidavit to his declaration.—he refers to Mr. Robert Robertson to whom he lived neighbor several years, Mr. John Robertson [?] Argyle Rev. George Moirs, Argyle, Rev. J. D. Fonda, Greenwich, Maj. John Reid, Wm. Reid Jr. Esqr, both of Argyle, John Bain, Capt. Cuspons Bain, also of Argyle.

(Signed with his mark) Ludowick Snyder

Sworn & subscribed this eighth day of February AD 1833 before me. Robert Coon, Justice of the Peace.

Letter in file dated August 31, 1925.

I have to advise you from the papers in the Revolutionary War pension claim, S.11436, it appears that LUDOWICK SNYDER was born August 12, 1756, at Livingston's Manor, Columbia County, New York.

While a resident of said place he enlisted in May or June, 1777, and served two weeks as private in Colonel Peter or Harry Livingston's New York Regiment. He enlisted about one month later and served three weeks in Colonel Harry Livingston's New York Regiment. He enlisted two or three weeks later and served three weeks as Sergeant in Captain Adam Hausewright's Company, Colonel Harry Livingston's New York Regiment; he was in the battle of Bemus Heights. He enlisted in the fall of 1778 and served six weeks in Captain Henry Pulver's New York Company. He later served two weeks, no details given. He then served three months as a ranger under Captain Peter Groesbeck.

He was allowed pension on his application executed August 28, 1832, while a resident of Argyle, Washington County, New York.

In 1833, reference was made to a son, name not given. There is no further data on file relative to family.