

Pension Application for Abraham J. (or I) Staats

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State of New York

Oneida County, SS.

On this fourth day of September 1832 personally appeared before the subscriber a Judge of the court of Common Pleas in Oneida, Abraham I. Staats, a resident of said county and state, aged eighty seven 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 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 Kinderhook Col. NY in 1745. No record of age except in family bible at Kinderhook. Lived there when called into service, lived there since the war and Lee NY, now Vienna Oneida Co., NY. That he was called out in the year 1775 in the summer in the militia in Capt. Lambert Burgharh's Co., Col. Henry VanRensselaer Regt and marched to Saratoga and laid there a spell and then returned down the river and were stationed about 2 months near Saratoga to guard against the Indians—after which service we were dismissed.

In the fore part of warm weather in 1774 was again called out in Capt. Isaac VanValkenburgh's Company, Captain Burghart who commanded the war before having turned in favor of the British. Col. VanRensselaer's Regt marched to attack there to Saratoga then went to Waterford and then up the Mohawk river as far up as Fort Dayton, and then we returned to Caughnawaga and remained there until cold weather and were discharged, having served between four and five months.

In the month of June 1777 he was again called out in Capt. VanValkenburgh, Col. VanRensselaer's Regt and marched up the Mohawk River to Stone Arabia above Johnstown and then served against the British Indians and Tories about one month. Shortly after our return from Stone Arabia Militia were again called out and I went in same company and regiment up the North River and above Fort Miller, Sandy Hill, Saratoga and served there during the campaign against Burgoyne, and was constantly in service until the capture of Burgoyne which took place in October or he thinks, having served in this tour about three months from the time he left home until he was dismissed. Gen. Schuyler had command of the American forces at first, and afterwards Gen. Gates took the command.

Frequently after this, deponent was called out in alarms and served a considerable time but cannot state with particularity the times.

He knows of no persons to prove his service other than annexed affidavits to which he refers as to his reputation.

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 the agency of any state. (Signed) Abraham Staats

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid. J. Stodard, Judge of Oneida Com Pleas.