

## Pension Application for John Staats

S.14597

State of New York

Columbia County SS.

On this thirteenth day of August 1832 personally appeared in open court before the Justices of the Justices Court now sitting in the City of Hudson in the County & State aforesaid John Staats a resident of the Town of Stuyvesant in the County of Columbia aforesaid 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 benefits of the provision of the Act of Congress passed June 7<sup>th</sup> 1832, that he entered in the service of the United States in the Malitia in the aforesaid Town of Stuyvesant (then the Town of Kinderhook), as a volunteer under the command of Captain Lambert Bengart, Colonel Abraham Van Alstein, Major Isaac Groes, that he marched in September the year previous to the taking of Burgoyne from the aforesaid Town, to the Town of Saratoga that on their arrival then they were not wanted and were sent back to Schenectady & from thence to Caghnawaga [Caughnawaga] and remained at the last place thirty three days & was absent in the service forty days.

Was again called out again at the taking of Burgoine does not recollect the officers or the month was in the neighborhood of the Battle Ground fourteen days previous to the Battle, was in the Battle was taken from the regular company in which he belonged to drive a wagon loaded with powder thinks there were eighteen wagons they were under the com of an officer he does not recollect his name was engaged in the Battle from nine oClock [O'Clock] in the morning until the dusk of the evening. L Recollects there was a General Arnold from the east who was very active in the engagement after the taking of Burgoine this applicant was sent back to Albany and immediately went up to bring down the spoils of Burgoine was absent thirty six days.

In 1777 I was again under Capt. Isaac VanValkenburgh of the Town of Kinderhook, Major Herman VanBuren had the command Abraham VanAlstine was Collonel [sic] but he did not go they marched from the aforesaid Town of Kinderhook to Fort Edward on the arrival of the trips at Fort Edward the battle had already been fought by VanRensalaer—Vanrensalaer was wounded, saw VanRensalaer on his way to Albany—there was also a Capt. Montgomery from the British Army who was wounded and taken prisoner by the Americans—from Fort Edward march'd to Fort Ann and Backwards & forwards and was finally discharged after having served Three Months.

Marched again as a volunteer under Capt. Burger Claw, Lieutenant John Gors? Both from the Town of Kinderhook thinks they had no Field Officers until the arrived at Fort Plain in Canajoharie when they were attached to the Regiment of Colonel Gordon who had the command of the Fort. They remained there one month and a few days when returned home.

Was also marched twice from the Town of Kinderhook to Bemuses Heights he thinks under Capt. Isaac VanValkenBurgh went as detached company to guard the County from the depredations of Brandt & Butler & I have [?] served in each of these last campaigns two weeks & upwards.

Twice he marched from his home to the Town of green Bush near the Albany Ferry and remained there each time two weeks waiting orders to march forward. They were under the command of General Scuyler [Schuyler]—but were not sent forward—and returned home and this applicant farther says that he does not recollect the names of any Regular Officers with whom the companies to which he was attached acted that he was most if not all the time under the command of General Scuyler who had the command at those times at the north that he cannot recollect the dates of the times in which he served any farther than they are stated above that he has no documentary evidence that he never received a written discharge and that he has two living witnesses to wit, William VanBergh & Andrew Witbeck, whose affidavits are hereunto annexed and that he would refer the department to the following persons in his neighborhood who will certify to his character for truth and veracity to wit

Nedad Butler Esqr, Judge of our County Court & Martin VanBuren Esqr the applicant deems it unnecessary to anem any more believing that a reference to Mr. VanBuren sufficient.

He hereby relinquishes ever claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any state or the agency thereof. (Signed with his Mark) John Staatts.

Sworn & Subscribed the day & year first above mentioned. Hiram Wilbur, Clerk.

Letter in folder dated Dec. 23, 1919.

From the papers in the claim of John Staatts, S. File No. 14,597 Rev. War, it appeared that he applied for pension August 13, 1832, at which time he was a resident of Stuyvesant, Columbia County, New York.

He stated that he was born April 15, 1756 at Kinderhook, Columbia County, New York, where he resided when he enlisted in September, 1776, and served short tours at various times under Captains Lambert Burget, Isaac VanValkenburgh, and Burger Claw, Colonels Abraham Van Alstyne, Gordon and VanRensselaer, and was in the battle at the taking of Burgoyne.

His claim was allowed for eight months and ten days' service as a private.

On September 5, 1835, soldier stated that he would move that day or soon after from Stuyvesant to Arcadia, Wayne County New York, to reside with his married daughter, but did not give her name; and at the same time John A. Staatts, of Stockport, Columbia County, New York claimed to have known the soldier for more than fifty years, but did not state any relationship to him.

The soldier died December 25, 1839, leaving children, none of those names are stated.