

### **Pension Application for John Strong**

W.4592 (Widow: Lydia) Rev. John Strong son of Enoch Strong of Coventry Ct. and Sarah Meraugh, born April 10, 1755, married 1775 Lydia Shomas. Died in Northmoreland Wyoming Co., Jan 1836 at 83.

In order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June 7<sup>th</sup> 1832.

State of Pennsylvania

County of Luzerne SS.

On this fourth day of September one thousand eight hundred and thirty two personally appeared in open court before the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas now sitting John Strong a resident of Northmoreland township in the County of Luzerne and State of Pennsylvania aged seventy seven years who first being 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 one thousand eight hundred and thirty two. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers, and served as herein stated.

He entered the service under General James Clinton, Lieutenant Col. Frederick Weisinfelt, Major MacLaughlin, Serjent Major Senneyot Company commanded by Lieutenant Silas Gray, Samuel Talmage, Ensign Serjent McAllister, as a private for a class of eight men, cannot now recollect the names of anyone of them. These classes were raised and had to furnish one man, and by the class was raised for the term of nine months, entered the Regiment at Canajoharie under the above named officers early in the spring while it was yet frosty and cold weather at which time he was residing in Sharon Litchfield County, State of Connecticut in one thousand seven hundred and seventy nine. Was first mustered at Claverack march'd on to Albany, there was taken in charge by Lieutenant Hoggenbergh or VanHoovenburgh and march'd to Canajoharie where we joined the company and Regiment in the State of New York. Marched from Canajoharie to the head of the Susquehanna River on Otsego, where we remained four or five weeks, and damm'd the outlet of the lake to raise the water that we might go down the river, with our bateaus &c we went down the river to Tioga point where we joined General Sullivan's Army from thence we march'd to Newtown, where on the 29<sup>th</sup> Augst [August] we fought the Indians, Tories and the enemy was commanded by an Indian Chief named Brant and a Tory named Butler, from Newtown we went to [Catasents?] then to Genessee River crossed and went down and destroy'd all the Indian towns, corn and the enemy property that came in our way. We then retraced our steps back to Tioga Point and then down the Susquehanna to Wilksbarre, was there a few days from there to Easton, crossed the Delaware into New Jersey through that state into Orange County State of New York from there marched to Morristown State of New Jersey when we built winter Huts, three or four miles from Morristown, where he was regularly discharged from the Regiment commanded by Col. Weisenfelt on the first day of January one thousand seven hundred and eighty. I was in but one engagement which was the battle of Newtown in the State of New York, and General Sullivan was the commanding officer. His discharge he lost, and does not know of any living witnesses who can testify to his services, he removed from his native place forty one or two years ago, since then. He march'd with and recollects of being in his marches and in the Newtown battle with Cols Dubois & VanSchaick's Regiment, New York Troops of the Continental Line, Captains Davis, Norton, Sacketts, Titus were with and in the same Regiment commanded by Col. Weisenfeld. His is now a resident of and has been for thirty years of Northmoreland, Luzerne County and State of Pennsylvania previous to that time a resident and after the Revolution a resident of Milton Saratoga County and State of New York.

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 agency of any state. (Signed) John Strong

Sworn and subscribed the year and day aforesaid. H. Pettebone [?]

Letter in file dated May 26, 1927, written in reply to an inquiry.

I have to advise you that it appears from the papers in the Revolutionary War pension claim, W.4592, that John Strong was born April 10, 1755, in Coventry, Connecticut.

While a resident of Sharon, Litchfield County, Connecticut, he enlisted in the spring of 1779 as a private in Lieutenant Silas Gray's Company in Lieutenant Colonel Frederick Weisenfels' New York Regiment; he was in the battle of Newtown and was discharged January 1, 1780.

After the Revolution he was a resident of Milton, Saratoga County, New York.

He was allowed pension on his application executed September 4, 1832, at which time he was a resident of Northmoreland Township, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania. He died there January 20, 1835.

He married June 15, 1775, at what was then called Cohecton, on the Delaware River, Pennsylvania, Lydia, her maiden name not stated, who was born October 16, 1758. She was allowed pension on her application executed August 9, 1837, at which time she was a resident of Luzerne County, Pennsylvania.

In addition to the military history of John Strong, W. File No. 4592, Revolutionary War, you are furnished the following data as to his children:

Phebe born February 16, 1778.

Roda born March 2, 1778.

Lose born December 17, 1779.

Cyrus born October 31, 1781.

Enoch born December 4, 1783.

Dolley & Polle born January 23, 1786.

Azuba born November 10, 1787.

Asenath born December 20, 1791, died April 25, 1792.

Asenath born May 10, 1793.

Abigail born March 2, 1794.

John born August 10, 1798.

AvonThomas born April 20, 1798.

Solomon Child born April 17, 1801.