

Pension Application for Albert Van Housen or Van Husen

S.28925

State of New York

Montgomery County SS.

On this thirtieth day of August in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty two personally appeared before John Hand Esquire one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in & for the County of Montgomery Albert Van Housen, a resident of the town of Florida in the County of Montgomery and State of new York, aged eighty two 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.

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That he the said Albert Van Housen was born at a place called Sunenburgh (then Albany County) now Athens in the County of Greene in the State of New York on the 15th day of October in the Year 1750, that he never had any record of his age, but has kept his age from the Statement of his parents which he believes is true. That he entered the service of the United States as a private soldier & as a volunteer in a company of Militia commanded by Captain David McMasters Lieutenants, James McMaster, & Lawrence Shuler, Ensign David Beverly, sometime int he Year 1776 but cannot recollect the particular day or month, that this company consisted of thirty & forty privates and was attached to a Regiment of which Frederick Fisher was Colonel and John Newkirk, was Major and were known as a part of the Militia of Tryon County.

That he served in said Company as a private soldier from the time he entered the same, until the close of the war in the year 1783, that at the time he entered the Service he resided in the town of Florida in the County of Montgomery (then Tryon) and has resided in the same town ever since the war, that he does not know but two or three of the said company besides himself who are now alive, to wit. Henry Staley and Hugh McMaster by whom he can prove his services, that he was not in any Battle during the period of his service that a part of the company to which he belonged was in the Battle of Oriskany but at the time of that battle he was at the German Flatts, that this battle was in the summer or fall of the year 1777.

He recollects of hearing at the time of General Herkimer's being wounded & that the died of the wounds he received in that battle, that he recollects of seeing Col. Willett after the battle of Oriskany and also at Bowmans creek, and at Johnstown, that Col. Willett was a very active brave officers in whom the inhabitants along the frontier as well as the army reposed great confidence.

That the whole time he was in the service was spent in guarding the country from depredations from the Indian Scouting parties British & Tories who were continually infesting the frontier, committing murders, seizing & carrying off horses,

Cattle & provisions & burning houses & creating alarms. That sometimes the whole company were mustered, sometimes connected with other companies in the same regiment, at other times the company were divided into portions of four, five, or six & stationed at different places a few miles from each other, that he cannot remember the order of their marches or movements, but were quartered at different times at Fort Hunter, Florida, Caughnawaga, Canajoharrie [Canajoharie], German Flatts, Fort Plain, Bowmans Creek, Fort Stanwix, Fish House, Johnstown, and all along the Mohawk River.

The Company of Captain McMasters arrived at Johnstown just after the battle at that place was over, that they met Col. Willett & his men just leaving the field. That the names of some of the Captains commanding other companies of Militia in the same Regiment were Capts Yeomans, Hodges, De Graaf, Pettingal & Maybe, that he never received any written discharge nor has he any documentary evidence of his service that he is unable from bodily infirmity to attend any Court of record to make this declaration. 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 the agency of any state. (Signed with his mark) Albert Van Housen

Subscribed & sworn to the day & year aforesaid before me John Hand one of the Judges of the Montgomery County Courts.