

Pension Application for John J. Waldo

S.6321 [The memories of this veteran are not for the most part correct. ajberry]

State of Virginia

Harrison County To Wit

On the 21st Day of August in the year 1832, personally appeared in open Court before Wm. Martin John Reynolds, Wm. A. Rodgers and Benjamin Barie the Court of Harrison County now sitting John J. Waldo a resident of said County aged 70 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 Volunteered in the month of May 1778 in a company under the command of Capt Thos Brown that he marched from Albany County New York the place of his residence to Parmer Town in said state remained there some time and was discharged having served one month.

In the spring of 1779 he again volunteered in a company commanded by Majr Abbott and Col. Vanranselear marched to Fort Miller on the North River was then discharged having served ten days.

The May following he volunteered in a company commanded by Capt. James Hadlock, Majr Joel Abbott, Col John Vanranselaer and marched to Saratoga from thence to Fort Edward from thence to Fort George from thence to Ticonderoga, from thence to Lake Champlain thence back to Fort George and then Discharged having served three months and fifteen days.

In the August following he again volunteered in a company commanded by Capt Jas. Hadlock Lieut Wm Brace Mgr Joel Abbott, marched to Fort Edward from thence to Fort Ann thence to Skeinsborough thence back of Fort Ann thence to Fort Edward and then discharged having served three months.

In November following he again volunteered in a company under the command of James Hadlock Mgr Joel Abbott, Col John Vanrenselaer Genl John Williams, marched to Black Creek Washington County NY from thence to Salem and discharged having served one month.

That he never received a written discharge but was discharged orally by his company officers. His residence during the war was in the neighbourhood of many disaffected persons the company to which he belonged was held in constant readiness and was considered what was then called minute men held themselves in readiness to march at a moments warning and continued in that attitude until the close of the war. He was never directly engaged in any battle but was in hearing of the guns at the Battle of Bennington and was on the ground three Days after the Battle was fought.

He has no documentary evidence by which he can prove the above service and knows of no living witness by whom he can establish the above facts except Job Goff with whom he was acquainted in the service and whom affidavit is herewith subjoined.

From the State of New York he removed to Harrison County Va where he now resides he is acquainted with Waldo P. Goff, Wm A. Harrison Judge E.S. Duncan and various other Gentlemen to whom reference may be had.

He hereby relinquishes all claims 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) John J. Waldo

Sworn and subscribed to the day and year aforesaid. Jacob Coplin, J.P.

Letter in folder date February 16, 1940, written in response to an inquiry.

Reference is made to your request for the Revolutionary War record of John J. Waldo who died in Harrison County, Virginia.

The data which follow were obtained from papers on file in claim for pension, S.6321, based upon service of John J. Waldo, in the War of the Revolution.

The date and place of birth of John J. Waldo and named of his parents were not stated.

While a resident of Albany County, New York, John J. Waldo served as a private in the New York troops as follows:

From sometime in May, 1778, one month in Captain Thomas Brown's company; early in the spring of 1779, ten days under Major Abbott, Colonel Van Rensselaer's regiment; later in the spring of 1779, three months and fifteen days in Captain James Hadlock's company, Colonel John Van Rensselaer's regiment; again in 1779, three months in Captain Joseph Hadlock's company; in the fall of 1779, one month in Captain James Hadlock's company, Colonel John Van Rensselaer's regiment. He stated that he was, also, out about the time of the battle of Bennington, and in 1780 and 1781, no further details of this service given.

John J. Waldo moved, date not given, from the State of New York, to Harrison County, Virginia.

John J. Waldo was allowed pension on his application executed August 21, 1832, at which time he was seventy years of age, and living in Harrison County, Virginia (West Virginia). He was referred to, in 1832, as the Reverend John J. Waldo.

The papers on file in this claim contain no discernible family data.

The application for headstone for John J. Waldo is returned herewith. There was no correspondence enclosed.