

Pension Application for Christopher Ward

S.11650

State of New York

County of Schenectady SS.

On this Eighteenth day of October one thousand eight hundred & Thirty-two personally appeared in open Court, before the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in and for said County Christopher Ward a resident of the City of Schenectady in said County aged seventy-six years, who being duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath, make the following declaration in order to obtain he benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

He was born in the town of Stone Arabia in the then County of Tryon in said state on the 18th day of July 1757. He has no record of his age except a memorandum left by his father.

When the war of the revolution commenced he was living in the City aforesaid and since said war, and until at the present time he has resided in said City.

He enlisted the service of the United States under the following named officers & served as herein stated.

In the beginning of the year 1776, he was called out in Captain Abraham Oothout's Company of Militia in Colonel Abraham Wemple's Regiment, & proceeded to Johnstown on which occasion Sir John Johnson surrendered himself a prisoner of war. He was out in the town about two weeks. In the fall of the year 1776, Sir John Johnson having broken his parole, was expected to make a descent on the Mohawk settlements, the militia were ordered out to guard Johnstown, and a pass near the same called Switzerbergh. Here the claimant served for some time, say three or four weeks. In the spring of the year 1777, he was drafted to go with a detachment of militia under Captain Jesse Van Slyck.

He marched with this Detachment to Jessup's patent. Thither one John Morrell has been sent by the British & was engaged in enlisting troops & erecting fortifications. This Detachment joined the troops under Colonel Warner. The enemy however discovered the approach of the American troops, & before they arrived had evacuated the place. In this tour he served more than four weeks.

In the fall of the year 1777, he was called out again in said Company of Captain Oothout, and served with the American army in General Schuyler's retreat from Saratoga to Stillwater, & Bemnis's Heights. He served in this campaign about six weeks—part of the time as a substitute for one Harmanus Peters.

In the spring of the year 1778, he served for the term of four months to wit, until the 18th July 1778, on the Continental establishment, as a blacksmith; and he enlisted in captain Patten's Company of artificers & artisans & served therein for the term of three months. He went to the grand army then at White Plains while a member of said Company of Captain Patten.

In the fall of the year 1778, he marched with a Detachment from Colonel Wemple's Regiment in the direction towards Cherry-Valley, but before they arrived there, the enemy had disappeared.

In the spring of the year 1780 he engaged in a tour to Schoharie for about three weeks. In the summer of the year last named he enlisted in Captain McGee's Company of State Troops in Colonel Morris Graham's Regiment. The place of his enlistment in said Company of Captain McGee was in said township the tour of his enlistment therein four months, which term he faithfully served out at Tappan, fort Edward & Stoney Point & elsewhere.

When Sir John Johnson burnt Stone-Arabia he was on duty with the militia t Fort Hunter.

He has performed garrison duty at Stone Arabia for sometime say about six weeks. In the year 1779, he performed military duty at fort Herkimer, land guarded the farmers in that vicinity while bringing in their harvest, for a term not less than one month.

The Claimant has also while not out in the expeditions aforesaid performed garrison duty at Schenectady for a term in the whole exceeding six months – and knows and hereby declares that the whole period for which he served his country during said war in the garrison & in the field greatly exceeds two years.

The following are the names of some of the regular officers whom he knew, or who were with the troops where he served, and such continental and militia regiments or companies with which he served, or as he can recollect, viz: General Arnold, General Gaansevoort, [sic] General Ten Broeck, General Schuyler, Colonel Van Schaick besides those before named.

He never received any written discharge from the service.

He has no documentary evidence, and knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service, except those whose depositions are hereunto annexed.

The following are the names of person whom he is known in his present neighbourhood, and who can testify as to his character for veracity, and their belief in his services as a soldier of the revolution, to wit. [blank]

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever, to a pension or annuity except he present, and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state. (Signed) Christ [?] Ward

Subscribed and sworn to the day and year first aforesaid. John S. Vrooman,
Clerk