

Pension Application for John Ward

W.25858 (Widow: Rebecca)

State of New York

Dutchess County SS

On this twenty fifth day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred thirty two personally appeared in open court before the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in and for the County of Dutchess now sitting John Ward a resident of the Town of Pleasant Valley in the said County of Dutchess and State of New York aforesaid aged seventy one years the second day of January last 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 the seventh day of June in the year one thousand eight hundred and thirty two.

That he entered the service of the United States some time about the month of October in the year one thousand eight hundred and thirty two.

That he entered the service of the United States some time about the month of October in the year one thousand seven hundred and seventy seven at Pleasant Valley in the County of Dutchess and State of New York aforesaid as serjeant in the Company of Captain Frederick Sleight and as a volunteer. That they rendezvoused at the Town of Poughkeepsie in the County of Dutchess and State aforesaid and were marched immediately to the Town of FishKill in said County, soon after which they were ordered and returned back to Poughkeepsie when they remained until they were discharged having been on service one month. While they then lay at Poughkeepsie, the whole force there was under the command of General Putnam.

That he was again called into service at the time of the great alarm which he believes was in the year one thousand seven hundred and seventy eight that he again entered the Company under the command of Captain David Ostrum as a volunteer and served in the capacity of serjeant in said company which was a part of the Regiment of Colonel Frear. They rendezvoused at the Town of Fishkill aforesaid and from thence were marched into the Highlands where the whole body under the command of Colonel Frayer were encamped, where they remained about three weeks when the whole force was discharged.

That he again entered the service as a volunteer soldier in the year one thousand seven hundred and seventy nine, in the company under the command of Captain David Ostrum for the term of three months, and was put under the command of Captain Hugh Montgomery and was from the place of rendezvous marched to the Town of Fishkill where the Regiment under the command of Colonel Frear were all impressed in company with several other Regiments where they remained until discharged. The term of three months for which he enlisted having expired.

That he again entered the service as a volunteer in the fall of one thousand seven hundred and seventy nine or winter of seventeen hundred and eighty in the capacity of Serjeant in the Company under the command of Captain Humphrey commanded most of the time by Ensign Nelson rendezvoused at Rhinebeck in the said County of Dutchess and from thence were marched by land to Albany and from thence

to Schenectady and from thence to Saratoga and from thence the company commanded by Ensign Nelson and as he believes a Lieutenant whose name he does not now recollect, were sent as an escort to twenty wagons for the purpose of transporting woman and children from thence to Skeensborough from thence they were sent by water to their husbands and fathers within the British dominions. From Skeensborough aforesaid the escort returned with the teams that conveyed the women and children up back to Saratoga aforesaid when the company under the command aforesaid were billeted out among the inhabitants of the place for seven days during which time they drew but two days provisions from this place. They were marched back to Albany where the company were discharged and returned from this Campaign, having been on service about one months and a half.

That he has no documentary evidence and that he knows of no person who can testify as to his service.

That he was born the second day of January one thousand seven hundred and sixty one, has a record of his age as taken from his father's family Bible. That he has no written discharge, but thinks he was verbally discharged by the commanding officer at the expiration of each term of service. That he has since the Revolutionary War, and now does live in the said County of Dutchess.

That he is known in the neighborhood where he now lives by Daniel S. Dean, John Gager, John W. Carpenter who can severally testify as to his character for veracity and their belief of his services as a soldier of the Revolution.

That he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and that he is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state.
(Signed) John Ward.

Sworn to and subscribed Sept 25, 1832, Henry I. Traver, Clerk