

## **Pension Application for John Wasson**

S.11665

State of New York

County of Schenectady SS

On this twelfth day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty two personally appeared in open Court before the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in and for said County now sitting John Wasson a resident of the town of Princetown in said County & State, aged sixty eight 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 7<sup>th</sup> 1832.

That he was born in the then township of Schenectady in the then County of Albany (now Schenectady) in the State of New York on the sixth day of January 1764. He has no record of his age except that contained in the family bible in possession of his brother, James Wasson.

When he was called into the service of the United States in the army of the revolution he was living in the town of Comisbush within said Township—and since the revolutionary war he has lived in the same place now included with in the town of Princetown aforesaid & he now lives in the town of Princetown—aforesaid.

He entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated.

On or about the twenty-fifth day of July 1780, he enlisted as a private in the Company of State troops commanded by Captain Jacob Lansing in Colonel Morris Graham's Regiment. The place of his enlistment was at Schenectady aforesaid the term of his enlistment three months, which he faithfully served out when he was discharged.

During this engagement he marched to West Point, & there did garrison duty about three weeks—from thence marched to Dobb's ferry where he remained one week—thence to Albany where his Regiment was divided—on division marched to Fort Edward—the other to which the Claimant was attached marched to the middle fort in Schoharie—there he believes Major Woolsey had the command—Sir John Johnson while the claimant was there attacked the garrison at Schoharie. He was with the troops that pursued the enemy till Col. Willett attacked them at Fort Plain.

In the month of April 1781, he enlisted as a private in Captain Stephen White's Company of State troops in the Regiment of Colonel Marinus Willett & continued to serve in said Company of Captain White until the month of January 1782 to wit, for the term of nine months, when he was again discharged.

In this engagement he served for a time at Ballston N.Y. Congress having requested a scout of 28 Indians & white men to go to Crown Point, the claimant & one William Hynes volunteered to go with them. The Commanders of this expedition were Colonel Lewis & Captain John Denny. He was in this service & at Ballston—then marched with this party to Johnstown—thence to Fort Plain where he joined his company, thence to Fort Plank remained there about 8 days—thence to Fort Herkimer—then back again to Fort Plain & remained there till discharged.

In the month of March 1782, he enlisted in captain Guy Young's Company in said Regiment of Colonel Marinus willet & served therein for the term of seven months, to wit, until the month of October 1782, when he received his Discharge from said Company of Captain Guy Young & enlisted in Captain Jellis A. Fonda's Company of State troops under the command of said Colonel Willett & served in said Company of Captain Fonda for the term of three months when he was discharged from the service—During the last engagements he was stationed the greater part of the time at Fort Plain and a short time at Fort Walroods.

He was engaged in the battle of Johnstown in October 1781, also in an encounter with the enemy at Lake Schuyler in 1782—The detachment of troops which engaged in this encounter was under the command of Major fink, & Many other skirmishes he also engaged in.

The claimant made application for a pension under the act of 1818, he thinks in that year, but his claim was not admitted for the reason alledged [alleged] that he did not belong to the Continental establishment.

The following are the names of some of the regular officers whom he knew, or with 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: Major Brown, Colonel Wemple, Lieut Thornton, Capt Cherry, Colonel Van Schaick, Col. Dubois, Major Wallace, Captain Putman and the other officers herein before mentioned.

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 persons to whom he is known in his present neighborhood, and who can testify as to his character for veracity, and their belief of his services as a soldier of the revolution, to wit the Rev'd Thomas Halliday and James Bradshaw.

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 any State. (Signed) John wAsson.

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