

Pension Application for John Welch

W.2293 (Widow: Dorcas) John died December 3, 1841. Can't read date of marriage but one deponent thought it was about 1816.

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State of New York

County of Saratoga SS.

On this 27th day of August 1833, personally appeared in open Court before the Court of Common Pleas in & for the County of Saratoga now sitting at Ballston Spa John Welch of Milton in the County of Saratoga and State of New York aforesaid aged seventy 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, 1832.

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

To the question, where, and in what year were you born?

He answers, In the Town of West Windsor in the County of Hartford and State of Connecticut June 17, 1763.

To the question, have you any record of your age and if so where is it? He says In the town records of the said Town of Windsor.

To the question, Where were you living when called into service; where have you lived since the Revolutionary War, and where do you now live?

He answers and says, In the Town of Ballston in the then County of Albany now Saratoga and State of New York where he lived until 1786 when he moved to PalmerTown in Albany County aforesaid where he lived about two years & removed to Ballston aforesaid where he continued to live six years and moved to Norwich in Chenango County in said State & lived there about three years, when he removed to Ballston aforesaid where he continued to live & in the adjoining Towns of Malta & Milton in said county until 1828 when he moved into the Town of Schaghtikoke in the County of Rensselaer in said State where he continued to live until April in the year 1833 when he removed to the Town of Milton in the County of Saratoga and State of New York where he has continued to live ever since, and where he now lives.

4 To the question. How were you called into service, were you drafted, did you volunteer, or were you a substitute and if a substitute for whom?

He answers and says. That in 1782 on; the 1st day of April he enlisted and entered into the service of the United States at Stillwater in the County of Albany and State of New York, in Captain John Livingston's Company of Infantry in ColonelMarinus Willett's Regiment of New York State Troops and served as a private in said company from the 1st of April 1782 until the 1st day of Janny 1783 being nine months and served as herein after stated to wit. That immediately after his said Enlistment he repaired to Ballston Picket Guard House, where he was stationed under Lieutenant John Watson an officer of said company who commanded a small garrison at that place & consisting of about one half of said company, that he served in doing garrison duty at said Picket guard house under the said Lieutenant Watson & b he was

also employed on Fatigue in chopping the trees & under woods in front of the fort in order to prevent the enemy from approaching the Fort under cover of the Forest.

Scribner was 1st Sergeant in said garrison & Isaac Cummings was Drummer. He continued to serve as aforesaid at the place aforesaid & once went to Fort Plane to convey a deserter under Sergeant Barwit, under the aforesaid office until December the 31st day--when we were in Joined by the other half of our Company marched to Schenectady Barracks and on the 1st day of January 1783 Received an Honorable discharge the discharge was signed at Schenectady by an officer of the company to which he belonged he does not recollect his name, his discharge has been long since lost, he served as aforesaid for nine months. There was no Continental or Militia Regiments who served at or near the Garrison where he served at any time during the aforesaid Period he recollects.

Jesse Hubbell who as a Continental officer called frequently at the Fort his Father lived about one mile distance from the Fort, he this deponent does not recollect any other officer at said Fort & at Schenectady we continued only one day and night.

He does not recollect any other Troops at the Barracks where we were stationed and discharged except those of our company &

I have no documentary evidence of my said services. Lieutenant Hubbell before named & also all the officers names above are dead.

Aaron Nash now living in Ballston was knowing to my services, his deposition is hereto annexed. He this deponent has no documentary evidence of his said services nor does he know of any person now living who can testify to his services except as above.

To the question State the names of some of the Regular officers who were with the Troops where you served such Continental & Militia Regiments, as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your services?

He answers and says that he can answer no further than he has already answered herein,

To the questions Did you ever receive a discharge from the service? And if so by whom was it given & what has become of it.

He answers and says that he did receive a discharge at Schenectady Barracks as herein stated which has been long since lost or destroyed, he does not recollect who signed it, but recollects is was an officer of the company in which he served.

To the question, state the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify to your character for veracity, and their belief of your services as a soldier of the Revolution, He names the following persons. The Reverend Lebbeus Armstrong of the Town of Ballston, Aaron Nash also of Ballston & John benedict, Honorable John W. Taylor, late a member of Congress also residing in Ballston.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares his name is not on the Pension Roll of the agency of any State.
(Signed with his mark) John Welch

Subscribed & sworn the day & year above stated in open court. A. Goodrich
Clerk.