

Pension Application for John York

S.11927

State of New York

Ulster County SS

On this eleventh day of September in the year one thousand eight hundred and thirty two, personally appeared in open court before the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in and for the county of Ulster aforesaid, John York of the Town of New Paltz in the County of Ulster aforesaid, aged seventy-two 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 entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated.

In the beginning of the month of August 1776, he volunteered to serve his country against the British for the term of five months, at the Town of New Paltz aforesaid in a company of Militia of which Jacob Hasbrouck Junr was Captain, Abraham Deyo first Lieutenant, Henderick Westbrook Second Lieutenant, and Reuben DeWitt Ensign, from New Platz we marched to Esopus and were transported on board of a sloop by water to Fort Montgomery in the highlands in the County of Orange—from thence by water to VerPlanks Point on the East side of the Hudson River in the County of Westchester, we landed here and marched by land to Kingsbridge—Deponent continued to perform his duty regularly as a soldier in guarding the lines at Kingsbridge and its vicinity until the first of November following, when he was taken sick with the camp fever which settled into his leg and rendered him entirely unfit for service, in consequence of which Captain Hasbrouck gave deponent a permit—to return home which he accordingly did, but did not recover from said sickness until the month of May following.

After the expiration of said five months deponent received his pay for the whole time. Colonel Levi Paulding commanded the Regiment and General Clinton the Brigade. Deponent saw General Washington at this time. Johannis Eckert and Conrad Bevier whose affidavits are hereunto annexed were with this deponent in the above service.

In the year 1777 the Counties of Ulster and Orange aforesaid were kept in constant alarm the British threatening us on the south, the Indians on the west, and the tories and disaffected persons among us—consequently the Militia were kept in readiness to march in a body on short notice to the threatened point of danger or attacks—they were also put in classes or detachments for actual service in terms of one month each by every ne of the class according their term.

This year commencing about the first of June deponent served two months & in the company commanded by Captain Abraham Vanaken at Fort Montgomery aforesaid.

In the years 1778 and 1779 our militia were kept in the same readiness as in the proceeding year in these two years deponent was out in actual service for the space of five months in terms of one month each, twice under the command of Captain

Andrews Bevier, once under Captain Abraham Deyo once under Lieutenant Daniel Frear, and once under Captain Methusalem Dubois—during these terms of service we were engaged in guarding the Indian frontiers; in the Town of Rochester in the County of Ulster aforesaid and its vicinity against the incursions of the Indians and Tories.

Deponent further says that he has no other proof of his services than what is contained in the affidavits of Johannis Eckert and Conrad Bevier hereunto annexed both of whom were with this deponent so they state. There are other persons who can testify to the same facts but to no additional ones.

Deponent further says in answer to the questions put to him by the said Court in the said County of Ulster aforesaid.

That he was born in the Town of New Paltz aforesaid on the eighth day of October 1759—he has a record of his age in his fathers testament, now in deponents possession. When called into service he lived in the Town of New Paltz aforesaid, and has lived there in ever since the Revolutionary War except for a short time he resided in the Town of Hurly adjoining New Paltz aforesaid—and resides in the said Town of New Paltz at this time – when called into service he went as a volunteer being always ready to take his term whenever called upon.

Deponents recollection is onto sufficient to enable him to state more particularly the officers, Regiments and circumstances of his services than as above set forth in this declaration.

He never received a written discharge from the service, Captain Hasbrouck gave deponent in writing when he returned home from Kingsbridge sick, but the contents of it he cannot recollect, it has been lost many years since.

Deponent is known to and well acquainted with the Reverend Dowe Van OLinda Pastor of the Dutch Reformed Church in said town of New Paltz, of which church deponent is a member, also with Josiah Dubois of said town who reside in the neighborhood of deponent and can testify to his character for veracity—and their belief of his services as a soldier of the revolution.

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 York

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid. A. Soper First Judge & A. G. Hardenbergh, Abm. A Deyo, John Jansen. Judges.