

## **Pension Application for Christian Young**

S.4,740

The State of Ohio

Delaware County SS.

Be it remembered that on the nineteenth day of November in the year Eighteen hundred and thirty two, personally appeared in open court before the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in and for the said County of Delaware and State of Ohio, now in session, Christian Young a resident of [Gunsbury?] Township in the said County, aged eighty 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.

I, the said Christian Young on my said oath state, that I entered the service of the United States and served therein under the following named officers, and under the following circumstances, to wit, I was born in Orange County, New York, in October 1752. In the summer after the expedition under Genl. Montgomery to Canada, I volunteered to serve 5 months under Capt. John Grayham (1) of the New York Militia we first mustered and rendezvous at Newburg. The Regiment to which I belonged was under the command of Col. Paulding. (2) We first joined our Regt. at Kingsbridge where we immediately went by water on board of a sloop on the North river; and where we landed a little before the battle of Kingsbridge (3) about 15 miles above New York. We laid at that place, (Kingsbridge) about 2 or 3 months. There were a large number of troops at that place under the command of Genl [George is crossed out] Clinton. (4) We remained at the Kingsbridge until the British with their fleet ascended the river above us, when we marched to White Plains (5) some time before the battle at that place. I was in that battle and a number of soldiers of our Regt were killed. After remaining some time at White Plains after the battle, I marched with the Brigade under Genl. [G. is crossed out] Clinton to Croton River, and in the fore part of the winter to Newburg where we were employed in constructing a chevauxdefrize across the North river at that place. At this place I was discharged after I had served my five months. The next spring I was hired as a substitute for a person who was drafted with his class (whose name I do not recollect) for six months. This time I was marched into the Indian country about 30 miles to the north west of Newburg to a place called Mumbecker. I do [not] recollect my Capt's name, but we were commanded by Col. Hardenburg. (6) I was kept stationed in this part of the country the whole summer, guarding the country from the excursion [excursions] of the Indians. After I had served my six months I was discharged and returned home to Orange County.

The next summer I went again as a substitute as before. I was marched into the Indian frontier about 30 miles to the south west from Newburg into the Mountain Country. We were stationed at a place [called] Momacotten. The company was divided into parties and stationed at different places in small forts to guard the country. After serving my six months here I was again discharged and returned home. The next spring I went again as a substitute as before. I was this time in the company of Capt. White, (7) Lieut. Wisenfelt,(8) and under the command of Col. Wisenfelt. I was again marched into the frontier country about 40 or 50 miles to the west of Newburg towards the Delaware River, and were stationed at a place called Nippenoch. We were here employed in guarding the country from the Indians as before. After I served my six months I was discharged and returned home.

The next summer I volunteered and served 3 months in a company of militia under Capt. David Yonson (9) and served that time at Ft. Montgomery on the North River. The Ft. was under the command of Genl. [Geo. Is crossed out] Clinton. There were two Regiments at the Fort, one of the Militia to which I belonged under the command of Col. Nicholas or Nicholson, (10) and the other a Regiment of regulars under Col. Dubois. (11) While I was here in the Ft. it

was attacked by a body of British troops said to be about 5000 strong. After a whole days fighting in the evening Genl. Clinton and the Troops abandoned the Fort which was taken by the enemy. Genl. Clinton went aboard of a couple of vessels in the river, and after sailing up the river a piece he abandoned them, and as they could not be saved he burnt them. The American troops who were not taken prisoners made their escape up the shore of the river under the protection of the guns of the vessels. We then marched under Col. Dubois to Esopus. Before we arrived there the place had been taken by the enemy and burnt. After we retook the place were stationed there until in the winter when my time was out and I was discharged and returned home.

Upon reflection I find that this last tour must have been in the second year I was in the service, and before I went into the Indian Country and served the 3 campaigns, these above stated.

In February 1781 or 82 I enlisted to serve one year in a company of New York Militia under Capt. Mitchel. I was stationed at Newburg and employed in the quarter master's department in the office at that place. I was thus employed at that place during that year until I was discharged by Capt. Mitchel, in the next February at the close of the war. I was in the service very summer during the whole war and I believe I must have served one tour more than I now recollect. I have long since lost all my discharges, and I have no documentary evidence, and know of no person whose testimony I can procure who can testify to my services. I hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, and declare that my name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state. I left the State of New York in 1817 and then settled in Delaware Co. where I now reside.

Sworn and subscribed to the day & year aforesaid. (Signed with his mark) Christian Young.

Thomas Reynolds, Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas aforesaid.

End Notes—S.4740—Christian Young

1. "A Muster Role of Capt'n John T. Graham's Company of State Troops Selected from the Militia of Ulster County" for 1776 gives the following for "John Christian Young" age 21, born in Ulster County NY, 5 ft 4 in, complexion Fair Hair Brown Eyes Brown and Christian enlisted as a private on August 6 and the company marched on August 9. FROM: Revolutionary War Rolls 1775-1783, Series M-246, Roll 74, folder 105, National Archives, Washington, D.C. Christian is referring to Major General Richard Montgomery who was killed on December 31, 1775 in the attack on Quebec City, Canada.
2. It does not appear that this company was attached to any particular regiment but could have been in the area or district of Colonel Levi Pawling who commanded the Third Regiment of Ulster County Militia.
3. The Battle of King's Bridge, NY was fought on January 17, 1777. Christian must be referring to one of the other battles that took place after August 9, 1776.
4. George Clinton was appointed a brigadier general of the Continental Army on March 25, 1777, and his brother James was appointed a brigadier general of the Continental Army on August 9, 1776.
5. The Battle of White Plains, New York, was fought on October 28, 1776.
6. Lieutenant Colonel John Hardenbergh of Colonel Jonathan Hasbrouck's Forth Regiment of Ulster County Militia.
7. In 1781, Christian served as a private in Captain Andrew White's Company in Lieutenant Colonel Commandant Frederick Weissenfels Regiment of New York State Levies.

8. Lieutenant George P. Weissenfels.
9. Christian is most likely referring to Captain Thomas Jansen Jr. of Colonel Hasbrouck's Regiment.
10. Isaac Nicoll of the Orange County Militia did command a 5 months regiment in 1776 which was stationed at Fort Montgomery and Fort Constitution.
11. Lewis DuBois was the Colonel of the Fifth New York Continental Regiment.
12. Fort Montgomery was attacked and stormed by the British on October 6, 1777.