

Pension Application for Richard Young

S.11,923

Montgomery County

On this 20th day of September 1832, personally appeared in Open Court before Aaron Staring, Abraham Mosier, Samuel A. Gilbert, Henry I. [J?] Dieffendorf and John Hand, Judges of the Court of Common Pleas now sitting Richard Young a resident of the town of Ephratah, County of Montgomery and State of New York aged 78 years and 10 months 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 7th June 1832—That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated—That at the commencement of the Revolutionary War this applicant viz Richard Young resided in the town of Minden in Montgomery County, State of New York and was enrolled in the Militia Company of Captain Robert Crouse (1) in Col. William Seavers (2) Regiment and General Nicholas Herkimer's Brigade. That in the latter part of May or the beginning of June 1776 he marched with the said company by order of General Herkimer from Fort Herkimer to Fort Stanwix to intercept a number of boats loaded with supplies for the use of the Indians. That the said boats were taken at Fort Stanwix and Wood Creek and sent to Schenectady, that he this applicant did not return immediately but at the solicitation of Major Clapsaddle (3) entered the commissary's department and served in that department until redordered to join his company which he did after serving as above two or three weeks and marched with the said company back to Fort Herkimer and on his arrival there he immediately enlisted into a company of Rangers commanded by Capt. John Winn (4), and attached to Col. Seavers regiment. This was a company raised and organized by order of the Committee of Safety of Tryon County. The officers of this Company were John Winn Captain, Lawrence Gross 1st Lieut, and Peter Scramlin (5) 2nd Lieut.—That he served in this company from June 1776 until July 1777—That while in the company he was in constant service ranging the country by what was then termed Scouting parties from Lake Otsego (now Cooperstown) where the company was stationed to the Susquehanna river and the interior about the lakes in that quarter until some time in January 1777 when this applicant was drafted from said Winns company and attached to Captain Christian Getman's (6) Company and ordered to Ticonderoga (7) that he marched with said Getman from Albany where he joined said Getman's Company to Fort George and from there to Ticonderoga, that while there the rangers were commanded by Col afterwards General Wayne (8), and were by his orders employed making fortifications and keeping garrison at the fort, that they returned to the Mohawk river in the forepart of April and again joined the company of Capt. Winn and continued with the same until June or July as above stated when the company was divided, that the applicant then sought to repose himself from the fatigues of the war and engaged himself as [can't read a whole line] That Sir John Johnson with his murderous hoards of Indians and Tories were on their march from Canada to make an attack on Fort Stanwix when the Militia of Tryon County was ordered in to check his progress and this applicant again took the field against the common enemy and marched with the company of Capt. John Bradbeck (9) to Oriskany and fought in that sanguinary conflict on the 6th day of August 1777 (10), under General Herkimer and rendered assistance to that brave officer after he had received a mortal wound in the Battle. That the Americans were overpowered and in their retreat suffered severely and were not suffered the privilege of burying their dead, such was the inhumanity of the enemy with whom they had to contend. That after the return of the Company the Applicant was drafted as a guard to convey a number of Tories who had been taken prisoner in Schoharie County from Fort Plain on the Mohawk River to Esopus and on our arrival there they were delivered into the Custody of General George Clinton. That when the applicant returned from Esopus which was in October 1777 he again did the duty of a soldier in Capt. Bradbeck's company of Militia and through the fall and winter was constantly in service engaged on scouting parties which was at that time considered as the most effectual manner to keep the Indians in check. That about the first of April 1778, he enlisted into the bateau service under Capt. John Lefler (11) and was engaged on the Hudson River from that time until the close of the navigation that he was verbally discharged at Albany on the 1st day of January 1779—that he then returned to his home at that time at Stone Arabia where he remained during the winter and whole of the year following doing such Militia Service as was required by Captain Sylvaniaus Cook (12) in whose company applicant was at this time enrolled. That in the month of June 1780 entered again into the company of Captain Bradbeck(13) for three months as a volunteer was stationed at Fort Herkimer and did duty in the garrison, at the expiration of which service he joined under General VanRensselaer at Fort Paris as clerk and waiter and marched with him to Fort Stanwix returned with him to Fort Herkimer & Fort Plain, where he again joined the company of Bradbeck and continued to serve in said company in garrison, and guarding the country until he [?] in 1783 was at the Battle at Lampmans (14) field in the company of Capt. Cook. He knows of no more or other testimony relative to his services than the affidavits hereunto annexed. That he hereby relinquishes every [claim] whatsoever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares his name is not on the roll of any agency of any state—

To the questions to be propounded he answers—

That he was born at Minden 24th October 1753—That he had a record of his age but it is now not to be found—That he lived in Canajoharie when he entered the service—He lived after the revolutionary war five years at Manheim in the County of Herkimer and one year in Minden and since then in the town of Ephratah where he now resides—That he served with Gen. Van Rensselaer, Gen. Wayne, Col. Baldwin, Col. Cox, Col. Willet, Coll. Malcomb (15) and the officers in the stations as well as the regiment in those stations. (Signed) Richard Young

Subscribed and sworn to this 20th day of September 1832. Geo. D. Ferguson, Clerk

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1. Captain Robert Crouse was appointed in 1776 in Colonel Nicholas Herkimer's First Regiment of Tryon County Militia. Herkimer wasn't promoted to Brigadier General until September 5, 1776.

2. William Seeber was a Major in the First Tryon. When Herkimer was promoted to Brigadier General, Lieutenant-Colonel Ebenezer Cox was promoted to Colonel and Seeber was promoted to Lieutenant-Colonel.
3. Major Augustinus Clapsaddle of Colonel Peter Bellinger's Fourth Regiment of Tryon County Militia.
4. John Winn was the captain of one of three companies of Rangers for Tryon County. Richard enlisted as a private on August 12, 1776. The company was discharged on March 27, 1777. FROM: Revolutionary War Rolls 1775-1783, Series M-246, Roll 78, Folder 175, National Archives, Washington, D.C.
5. Lawrence Gross and Peter Schrambling were officers under Captain Winn.
6. Christian Getman also was a Captain of one of the Ranger Companies.
7. A detachment of the Tryon County Militia and Rangers were sent to Fort Ticonderoga, NY, to help build a floating bridge across Lake Champlain to connect with Mount Independence, Vermont. Colonel Cox commanded this detachment.
8. Anthony Wayne was appointed Colonel of the Fourth Pennsylvania Continental Regiment on January 3, 1776. He was promoted to Brigadier General of the Continental Army on February 21, 1777.
9. Richard by this time must have moved to the north side of the Mohawk River and joined Captain John Breadbake's Company (Fifth Company) in Colonel Jacob Klock's Second Regiment of Tryon County Militia.
10. The Battle of Oriskany was fought on August 6, 1777. Captain Breadbake was wounded, Colonel Cox and Captain Crouse were killed, Lieutenant Colonel Seeber and General Herkimer died later from their wounds and/or leg amputations.
11. Richard enlisted as a private in Captain John Leffler's Company of Bateauxmen on June 4, 1778. FROM: Revolutionary War Rolls. 1775-1783, Series M-246, Roll 122, Folder 78, National Archives, Washington, D.C.
12. Richard is referring to Captain Severinus Klock's company in Colonel Klock's Regiment. The captain is often referred to as Cook and/or Koch but Severinus Klock was commissioned. There was a Captain Rudolph Koch in Colonel Klock's Regiment which may add to the confusion. When the men went out in detachments they could be under an officer other than their usual company commander which after several decades after their military service they might not remember as clearly and accurately as one would like.
13. On July 1, 1780, Colonel Lewis DuBois was authorized to raise a regiment of New York State Levies. Captain John Breadbake was commissioned on July 1, 1780 and immediately started to recruit for his company. Richard according to the muster roll did not enlist until September 12, 1780 as a private in Captain Breadbake's Company. He was discharged on October 24 and had served 1 month and 13 days. FROM: Revolutionary War Rolls, 1775-1783, Series M-246, Roll 72, Folder 96, National Archives, Washington, D.C.
14. The skirmish at Lampman's took place on July 29, 1781.
15. Brigadier General Robert VanRensselaer, Colonel Jedutham Baldwin of Artillery Artificers from 3 September 1776 to 29 March 1781, Marinus Willett served in several regiments but on April 27, 1781 was appointed Lieutenant-Colonel of a regiment of New York State Levies, and William Malcom (Malcolm), served as a colonel of a regiment of New York State Levies in 1780.