

Pension Application for John Battles

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State of Pennsylvania

Erie County SS

On this twenty sixth day of January 1820 before me the Subscriber one of the Associate Judges of the Court of Common pleas within and for the County of Erie Aforesaid personally appeared John Battles aged Sixty seven years resident in the Said County of Erie who being by me first duly sworn according to law, doth, on his oath, make the following declaration, in order to obtain the provision made by the late act of Congress, entitled “an act to provide for certain persons in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war.”

That he the said John Battles enlisted for the term of Eight months in the year one thousand seven hundred seventy five. The day and month not recollected in Cambridge in the State of Massachusetts in the line of the State of Massachusetts on the Continental Establishment; that he continued to serve in the said Corps during the period of Eight months at the expiration at which time he enlisted again at Roxbury in the State of Massachusetts in the company commanded by Captain Ball of the regiment commanded by Colonel Shepard in the line of the State of Massachusetts on the continental establishment; that he continued to serve in the said Corps during the period of Eight months, at the expiration of which time he enlisted again at Roxbury in the State of Massachusetts, in the company commanded by Captain Ball of the Regiment commanded by Colonel Shepard in the line of the State of Massachusetts on the Continental Establishment; that he continued to serve in the said Corps during the said term of one year that before the expiration of said Term, he reenlisted in the same last mentioned company Regiment, line on the Continental Establishment to serve during the war, the said company at the time of his said reenlistment being at Peekskill in the State of New York, at which place he reenlisted as aforesaid the time of his said reenlistment to serve during the war to the best of his recollection was in November or December 1776. He continued to serve in the same corps until the last of October or first of November 1777, when he left the army and was absent until the year 1778 after the attempt of Genl Sullivan to take White Plains, and at the time the army under his command and was lying at Providence in the State of Rhode Island, when this deponent again entered into the said Service in the same company he had left, the said company then being commanded by Captain Hollister; that he continued to serve in the said Corps excepting that he was drafted occasionally to serve in the Brigade of Light Infantry commanded Captain Webb until the month of June in the year 1783 when he was discharged from service in [Harlem] in the State of New York – at the time of his discharge he was in the company commanded by Captain Fuller in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Jackson in the same line and establishment; that he received his discharge from General Washington.

That he was in the Battles of Bunkers Hill Saratoga, Long said White Plains Trenton, and York Town, that he is in reduced circumstances and stands in; need of the

assistance of his country for support and that he has other evidence now in his power of his said services. (Signed) John Battles.

Sworn to and declared before me, the day and year aforesaid. (John Vincent)
Judge Erie County Pennsylvania.