

Pension Application for Joseph Berner

S.12998

State of New York

Schoharie County SS.

On the 16th day of July 1832, personally appeared before me Henry Shafer a Judge of the Court of Common Pleas in and for the said county of Schoharie, Joseph Berner a resident of the town of Cobelskill in said county of Schoharie, in the State of New York of the aged 76 [sic] who being first duly sworn, according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision of the act of congress passed June 7th 1832; that he enlisted in fort Dubois at Cobelskill for the term of nine months; on the first of April in year 1779 in the army of the United States; in the company commanded by captain Dubois, in the regiment commanded by Colonel Dubois in the Line of the State of New York; in the Continental Establishment that he served part of the time of his enlistment in Fort Dubois aforesaid, and he resided in the open fort and Middle Fort in Schoharie that he served faithfully; until the first of January 1780. That he was honourably discharged in the Middle Fort in Schoharie in the State of New York; that the said Joseph Berner enlisted again in Middle fort in Schoharie, in July 1780; for the term of three months; in the company commanded by Captain Gray, in the Regiment commanded by Colonel VanSchaick; in the Line of the State of New York; that he served part of his time in Middlefort in Schoharie; from, thence he marched to a place which is now Montgomery County; that he marched under the command of his officers, and at the expiration of the three months service, he was in that place, honorably discharged from the service in the State of New York; that he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension, or an annuity; except the present and he declares, that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency of the United States; that he the said Joseph Berner saith on his oath, that he is unable, to appear in court; by reason of his bodily infirmity; that this name of each enlistment, was but on the muster rolls in Middle Fort in Schoharie, that he has been informed and believed the same to be true that the roll was lost or [?] this must be the reason that his name is not on the roll in the State of New York. (Signed with his mark) Joseph Berner

Sworn and subscribed the 16th day of July 1832 before me, Henry Shafer a Judge of Schoharie Common Pleas.

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Joseph Berner the applicant for a pension being duly sworn doth on his oath say, that he is afflicted with the following complaints, to wit, that he is so lame and other bodily infirmity, that he cannot walk alone, that he cannot get into bed or out of it without help, that he cannot, that he cannot set down or get up without help, that he could not get on a wagon unless he would be carried on and off, that he cannot get into the court house unless that he would be carried in and out, that he has been troubled with this complain for a number of years, that he has not any prospect to get well during his live time, this is the reason that he cannot appear in court.

Did put the following questions to him the said applicant.

1st when and in what year were you born, he answered that he was informed by his mother and believes the same to be true, that he was born in Dutchess County in the year 1756.

2 have you any record of your age saith he had not.

3 Where were you living when called into service, saith at Cobelskill and resided at Cobeskill ever since the American Revolution.

4 How were you called into service saith he enlisted a private soldier in Cobelskill in Fort Dubois, in the company of Capt. Dubois, Col. Dubois regiment.

5 State the names of some of regular officers, saith that Captain Hamtramakes were with the said troops.

6 Did you ever received a discharge from the service he saith on his oath he did but verbally by an officer put [sic] cannot recollect his name saith that he was discharged in middle fort in Schoharie.

7 where was you enlisted for the second time saith in Middle fort in Schoharie, saith that he enlisted in Capt. Gray company Colo VanSchaick's regiment and was honorably discharged by Major Ortnanden. (Signed with his mark) Joseph Berner

Sworn and Subscribed this 3d day of September 1832 before me. Henry Shafer, a Judge of Schoharie—Common Pleas.

Letter in file dated May 22, 1935, written in response to an inquiry.

The data furnished herein are obtained from the papers on file in Revolutionary War pension claim, S.12998, based upon the military service of Joseph Berner in that war.

Jpseh Berner was born in 1756, in Dutchess County, New York. The names of his parents are not shown.

While a resident of Cobleskill, New York, where he had resided ever since the Revolution, Joseph Berner applied for pension on July 16, 1832, and stated that while a resident of Cobleskill, Schoharie County, New York, he enlisted April 1, 1779, served as a private in Captain DuBois' Company, Colonel DuBois' New York Regiment and was discharged January 1, 1780; that he enlisted in July 1780, and served three months as private in Captain gray's Company, Colonel VanSchaick's New York Regiment.

His claim was allowed. Upon a reexamination of his claim in 1835, it was found that the service he alleged could not be verified. The payment of his pension was suspended and he was requested to furnish further proof of service or to explain his statements in regard to the alleged service. The records do not show that he ever renewed his claim.

There are no data as to soldier's family.