

Pension Application for Anthony Cherdovoyne

R.1908

State of New Jersey

County of Sussex SS.

On this twenty sixth day of August in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty three personally appeared before the Judges of the Supreme Court of Common Pleas of the said County of Sussex, Anthony Cherdovoyne resident of the township of the Hardyston in the said County of Sussex aged seventy two years who being first duly sworn according to law, doth upon his oath make the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefits of the provision made by the act of Congress passed June 7, 1832.

That he was born in the City of New York September 23, AD 1760 that the record of his age was contained in an old family bible which is now worn out and gone—that he has no other record of his age. That he resided in the City of New York until his fifteenth year when he volunteered and entered the service of the United States as Drummer in the Militia in the year 1775 in the early part of the season and about the time General Gage first went to Boston and Lexington —He was under Ensign John burger, Captain John Clauson and Major Stockhohm. The company to which he was attached was first engaged in fortifying the ships in the city and in constructing the Bunker Hill Fort at [?] Mount and remained in the city on various duties, standing guard, patrolling &c for nearly or quite two years and until some time after the battle on Long Island when his company was ordered by General Washington to leave the city. Soon after this but the precise time where he cannot say, he was dismissed and went to Newton in the said County of Sussex and thence came to Hardyston aforesaid where he has remained until the present time.

During his continuance in the service he not only acted as a Drummer but assisted in the several duties which the circumstances of the county and the defence of the station required and among other things assisted in removing Cannon Balls and other articles from the King's stores to the upper part of the city and recollects the circumstance of the British vessels Aser & Phoenix lying in the East and North rivers and firing upon the City—and of their going up the Hudson when it was said they burnt the town of Esopus.

He was also present at the hanging of one of General Washington's Life Guards as it was said for bribing the book to poison the General.

He also remembers that during this service Capt. Thomas Woolverton & Lieut Abijah Hopkins & their company were stationed in the city & went over to Long Island a few days previously to the battle at that place.

Also Gens Putnam & McDougal were there & Col. Lasher & Cols. Morgan with his regiment of Riflemen.

He cannot now by reason of old age & consequent loss of memory state the precise period nor length of his service but according to the best of his recollection he served eighteen months at least.

He is not acquainted with any clergyman in his neighbourhood who can testify to his service or character but that Joseph Sharp Esquire and Joseph E. Edsale Esquire and Benjamin Hamilton are well acquainted with this declarant & can testify as to his character for veracity his age &c.

He has no documentary evidence of this service & knows of no person living who can testify, give evidence of it.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state. (Signed) Anthony Cherdovoyne

Sworn & Subscribed the day & year first above written, that to say the 26 August AD 1833 in open court. Jos. Y. Miller.