

Pension Application for John Christian

S.12700

State of New York

Cayuga County SS.

On this 20th day of September A.D. 1832 personally appeared in open Court, before the Court of Common Pleas in and for the County of Cayuga and state of New-York, now setting, John Christian a resident of Mentz in the County of Cayuga, and State of New-York, aged 78 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 7th 1832:--That he entered the service under the following named officers, and served as herein stated:--

That about the month of January A.D. 1777 at the town of Philipstown then in the County of Dutchess in the State of New York, he entered the service of the United States as a volunteer in the company commanded by Captain George Lane & Daniel Wilson, Lieutenant in Col. Henry Luddenton's Regiment of militia that he marched with said company to the town of Westchester near Kingsbridge at and near which place he was stationed and continued for a term of one month and more that he was engaged frequently in scouting parties during said time, that at the expiration of one month he was discharged and returned home.

He further declares that in the month of April AD 1777 at the town of Philipstown he again entered said service in the same company and Regiment and marched with said company to Croton River at and near which place he continued to serve a term of one month when he was discharged and returned home, that from this time until the first of August following he was engaged in said service with a party of rangers or scouters whose business it was to range the country in the Fishkill mountains in pursuit of Cowboys and horse thieves and some times in the country south of the mountains that he served all the time as sergeant in said company, and during the summer of 1777 he served as sergeant but took the command of said party, which was a part of said company—

He further declares that about the first of August AD 1777 he again entered said service by enlistment in the company of State troops commanded by Captain Elijah Townsend & Lieutenant John Berry in Col. Henry Luddenton's Regiment for a term of three months that he joined said company and Regiment near Tarrytown from thence he marched to near the White Plains from thence towards Tarrytown and continued to serve as guard and in scouting parties near that place during the term of two months, from thence to Fredricksburgh from thence to FishKill, from thence through the FishKill mountains to the Red Mills in Fredericksburgh from thence to Crompond where he was discharged at the expiration of three months from the time of the said enlistment, and returned home. He further declares that in the month of December following he was again called into said service in captain George Lane's company in Col. Henry Luddenton's [sic] Regiment and marched with said company to Croton River at and near which place he was stationed and continued to serve as Sargeant for a term of one month when he was discharged.

He further declares that in the month of April AD 1778 at the town aforesaid he again entered said service in the same company and Regiment that he marched with said company to Crompond, thence to near Peekskill where he continued to serve as guard & range the country for a term of one month when he was discharged.

He further declares that from the month of May until the month of August following he was engaged in said service with a part of said company ranging the country in Philipstown below the FishKill mountains in pursuit of Cowboys & horse thieves and was engaged in actual service one half of the time or more.

He further declares that in the month of September following he was again called into said service in said last mentioned company and regiment. That he marched with said company to Peekskill

and Croton at and near which places he continued to serve a term of one month and a few days when he was discharged.

He further declares that from the year 1778 until the close of the war he was almost constantly in aid service and took the command of a party of men, a detachment from said company, that his employment was ranging the country in the Countries of Dutchess and Westchester & through the FishKill mountains. That he would occasionally return with said detachment home and would again go out in ranging the country. That during said term he was in actual service as such guard and ranger one half of the time or more. That the country was kept in a constant state of alarm by the depredations of the Cowboys torrys [Tories] & horse thieves. He held the office of second sergeant in said company of militia commanded by Capt. George Lane, and served the whole time as such sergeant except the three months aforementioned in the company of Captain Elijah Townsend—

That he never received a regular written discharge from said service that whilst [page cut off]

He further says he well remembers that in the year 1781, from about the 20th of June he was out in said service so much of the time that out of eighty four nights in Succession, he spent but two at home.

That whilst in said service he saw Gen. Washington, Gen. Putnam, Gen. Parsons, Gen. McDougale & others.

That he was born at the town of New Rochelle in the county of Westchester and State of New York on the first of Nov. 1753 as appears by the family record. That he is now nearly blind so much so that he cannot recognize the continuance of any one. That he has no property or means of obtaining a living otherwise than from the charity of his friends.

He hereby relinquishes all claim to a pension except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any state or territory. (Signed with his mark) John Christian

In witness whereof I have hereunto affixed the Seal of said Court & subscribed my name the 20th day of September AD 1832. M. S. Myers.

Letter in folder dated July 3, 1933, written in response to an inquiry.

Reference is made to your letter relative to one John Christian, a soldier of the Revolutionary War.

The data contained herein are obtained from the papers on file in the Revolutionary War claim for pension, S.12700, based upon his military service in that war.

John Christian was born November 1, 1753 in New Rochelle, New York.

About January 1777 he enlisted in Philipstown, Dutchess County, New York, and served one month in Captain George Lane's Company, Colonel Henry Ludenton's New York Regiment. He enlisted in April 1777 and served one month in the same company and regiment. After this service and until the first of the following August he served as sergeant and was engaged in service with a party of rangers, names of officers not stated. From about the first of August 1777 he served three months as private in Captain Elijah Townsend's company, Colonel Henry Ludenton's New York Regiment. He enlisted in December 1777 and served one month as sergeant in Captain George Lane's Company, Colonel Henry Ludenton's New York Regiment. He enlisted in April 1778 and served one month in the same company and regiment. He enlisted and served eight months and until January 1779 as sergeant in Captain George Lane's New York company. He enlisted in April 1779 and served eight months in Captain George Lane's Company, Colonel Henry Ludenton's New York Regiment. From the spring of 1780 he served eight months in Colonel Ludenton's New York Regiment. From the spring of 1781 he served eight months in Captain George Lane's New York company. He served seven months and until November 1782 in the same company. During the milder and open seasons in winter, years and length of service not stated, he was called out and served as sergeant; the party to which he belonged was called by the enemy "Lane's blood hounds", owing to its energy and perseverance.

He was allowed pension on his application executed September 20, 1832 while a resident of
Mentz, Cayuga County, New York.

He died January 9, 1835, place not stated.

There are no family data.