

Pension Application for Bartholomew Clute

S.12499

State of New York

County of Schenectady SS.

On this seventeenth day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty two personally appeared in open court before the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in and for said county now sitting Bartholomew Clute a resident of the City of Schenectady in said County & State aged sixty eight 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.

He was born in the then Township of Schenectady now City of Schenectady in the then County of Albany now County of Schenectady in the State then Colony now State of New York on the thirtieth day of December 1764.

He has no record of his age except that contained in his family bible

When he was called into the service of the United States in the Army of [the] Revolution he was living in said Township of Schenectady & since the revolutionary war he has lived in said Township now City aforesaid & he now lives in the City of Schenectady aforesaid.

That he entered the Service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated.

In the month of March or April in the year 1779, he enlisted in the Company of Artificers under the command of Captain John Clute, and served in said company for the full term of three months at Saratoga & other places in that vicinity while there he found a large 12 inch brass mortar which had been buried by the British at the surrender of Burgoyne & his army in the fall of the year 1777 for which piece of service General Schuyler allowed him a compensation.

In the summer of the year 1779, he volunteered with a detachment of Militia and Oneida Indians under Captain John B. Vrooman, and marched to Schoharrie, [Schoharie]. In this expedition he assisted in capturing a party of runaway Tuscarora Indians.

In the month of December in the year 1780, he was enrolled in the company of militia commanded by Captain John Mynderse in the regiment whereof Abraham Wemple was Colonel & he served in said Company of Captain John Mynderse until the termination of said war. His other company & field officers whom he recollects were James H. Peek, & Lawrence Mynderse, Lieutenants, Abraham Swits & Myndert, Wemple Majors. While in said company of Captain Mynderse he was engaged in several expeditions; the principal of which were as follows viz.

He was also out as a Scout or Indian Spy on many other occasions on one occasion he went to the interior of the Town of Galaway [Galway] after a tory named McGillereas & captured him; in this last named expedition he served with a party of Militia & Indians.

He also served on several occasions the particular periods of which are not now recollected. In Captain Crouse [horse?] Volunteer company of Artillery in said Regiment of Colonel Wemple

When Major Ross & Walter Butler mad[e] a discent [descent] on the Mohaw Settlements in 1781 the claimant was with the detachment of militia which marched from Schenectady under Captain Thomas Brown Banker.

On this occasion he marched as far west as Caughnawaga where he mounted guard for sometime pursuant to the orders of his Superior Officers and then returned to Schenectady.

When not out in distant expeditions the claimant mounted guard at Schenectady nearly all the time from the year 1778, until the end of the war, on many occasions prisoners were brought to Schenectady and had there to be guarded by the militia. In this service he performed his share of duty, but the greatest part of his time performed garrison duty at Schenectady aforesaid both night and day. This place was during said war surrounded with pickets & Block Houses; and had a fortress & other works of defence where constantly erecting during said war.

The whole period for which he did military duty during said war in the garrison & field aforesaid as an Indian spy exceeds eighteen months.

The following are the names of some of the regular officers whom he knew, or who were with the troops where he served, and such continental and militia regiment or companies with which he served, or as he can recollect, viz: General Schuyler, General Gansvoort, colonel Willet, Col. Cortland, Col. Dubois, General VanRenselaer, General Washington, Col. VanSchaick, VanDyck, General TenBroeck.

He never received any written discharge from the service.

He has no documentary evidence, and knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service except those whose depositions are hereunto annexed.

The following are the names of persons to whom he is known in his present neighborhood and who can testify as to his character for veracity, and their belief of his services as a soldier of the revolution, to wit, John J. Vrooman & Simon Glen.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever, to a pension or annuity except the present, and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State. (Signed) Bartholomew Clute.

Subscribed and sworn to the day and year first aforesaid. John S. Vrooman, Clerk