

Pension Application for John Croft

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State of New York

County of Cayuga SS.

On this 16 day of July 1832 before the subscriber, one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas of said county personally appeared John Croft a resident of Locke in said County in the State aforesaid aged sixty nine 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 of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated, viz.

He enlisted in Eastland in Westchester County in said state in the spring (in April) of 1781 and as he believes in the month of April as a volunteer in the York line—under Capt. Dennis McQuin, Lieut John Ackerman and ensign Welch in Col. Hay's regiment for the term of one year and served his time out and was regularly discharged at Kings ferry Westchester County; his duty was to assist in transporting the troops and supplies for the army on the river Hudson during which time he further testifies that he was one of the Barge-men who transported General Schuyler to Albany from VerPlank's point, and this deponent further says, that he can not say whether the services he was required to perform appertained to the Regular or State troops but believes it belonged to that of the State troops.

And he further saith that his duty was very fatiguing being often in the water, by night and by day, both in winter & summer being in winter often required to cut the ice on both shores of the river for the purpose of keeping the ferry open; and for which services his captain stipulated at his enlistment that he should receive one dollar per day for and during the said term of his enlistment; and when he was discharged instead of receiving his ways in money he received General Pickering's note for the amount of his services at the rate of one dollar per day for and during his services; which note he sold after the revolutionary war on the best possible terms which was too shillings and six pence on the pound.

And this deponent further says that in April or May 1782 he was draughted at Cortland aforesaid at the opening of the campaign & served under Capt. Hunt, Lieut Tuttle & Ensign Samuel Young in Col. Wysonvelt's regiment for the term of nine months, which term he served out, and received his discharge from Governor Clinton under the following circumstances viz.

A short time previous to the end of the term of his enlistment, he was required to assist in guarding prisoners from Stanwick in the State of Connecticut to Poughkeepsie in the State of New York and the Governor judged it was necessary to return to their former station on several of their time being so near out, that he discharged the said guard consisting of twelve men.

At another time this deponent further declares while marching from Middle Patten to Morrissena, on an expedition in the night with about three hundred men, he

was fired upon by some person unknown, but supposed to be a Tory and wounded by a buckshot in the thigh; during the summer the summer he further declares that he was often associated with col. Sheldon's company of Light horse men--& that he knows the said Col. Sheldon & also Lieut King of the same core.

And he further declares that he has no documentary evidence.

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) John Croft

Sworn and subscribed the day and year aforesaid before me. Garshom Moore a Judge of the court of Com Pleas for the County of Cayuga.