

Pension Application for John Depuy

S.23195 (Widow: Mary)

State of New York

Onondaga County SS.

On this 21 day of May 1833 personally appeared in open court before John Watson First Judge George Pettit & David Munro Judges of the Court of Common Pleas of the County aforesaid now sitting John DePuy a resident of the town of Manlius in the County and 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 7, 1832.

That eh entered the service, of the United States, under the following named officers, and served as herein stated.

That on the (4th) first of April 1778 he volunteered, as a private in the New York Militia under Captain Cuddeback, in Colonel Newkirk's Regiment. That they commenced building a fort on the Neversink River in the county of Ulster in the State of New York, called Fort Depuy, that he was stationed, at the fort above named during the summer and part of the fall of that year.

That early in October, of that year, Captain Tyler with about one hundred men, went up to the Delaware River for the purpose of driving back the Indians and tories under Col. Beauvatt, that which this force was away a party of Indians and Tories under Brandt made an attack on Fort Depuy, while this declarant was at the Fort. They were ordered to retreat to Fort DeWitt, about one mile up the River. They were pursued by the enemy to Fort Dewitt but they the enemy did not succeed in taking the Fort after taking what plunder they could find and burning fort Depuy, the party under Brant, returned to the Delaware River.

This deponent continued to serve in the Company of Captain Cuddeback until about the first of November of 1778 having been in the service for seven months, of that year. In the year on the 1st of April of that year, this deponent again volunteered under Captain Cuddeback, Col. Phillips who was the previous year a Major in Col. Newkir's Regiment, took the command at this time. The company on Capt Cuddeback was stationed at a picket fort called Fort Gumear on the Neversink river, in the month of July of this year Brandt with a party of Indians and tories attacked a settlement about five miles below Fort DeWitt called the Minisink settlement; Brandt and his party destroyed considerable property burn a number of dwelling houses, and mills and one meeting house. The next day Col. Thurston with a party of three or four hundred men pursued, Brandt about twenty miles, to what was called Beaver Brook, where a battle was fought and the Americans were defeated with considerable loss. This deponent continued at the Fort above named under Captain Cuddeback, until the 1st of December when he was discharged, having served eight months in that year.

In the year 1780 on the first of April he again volunteered under Captain Cuddeback in Col. Phillips Regiment and they rebuilt Fort DePuy—and was stationed that year at the same place as a guard until winter having served eight months in that year.

In the year 1781 he again volunteered and was under the same offices during that summer and at the same place as before named and served from the first of April 1780 until December was a guard at the fort—being eight months in that year. The following year he was again in the same service, and continued as long as there was any danger to be apprehended from the enemy and until peace took place, does not recollect that there were any officers of the Continental Army at that place, except Captain Shults, or Shult, who was one winter in the year 1778 & 79 at Fort Dewitt with a company of Regular Troops. There were but few of the Regular Continental Troops that passed through that part of the Country, as it was principally defended by the Militia.

The names of the officers under which he served were Col. Newkirk and Moyer afterward Col. Phillips, Captain Cuddeback and Lieutenant Harding & King and Ensign DePuy, he has no documentary evidence in his possession in relation to his service and knows of no proof of his services, that he can obtain except the affidavit of Benjamin DePuy & Cornelius Wallace hereunto annexed.

(1) was born in the town of Mamakating in the now County of Orange on the 9th of December 1762.

(2) has no record of his age.

(3) He lived in the same town where called into the service and continued to live there until 1805 when he removed to Manlius where he now lives and has since lived.

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.

(6) and further that he did not receive any written discharge from the services.

(Signed) John Depuy

Sworn and subscribed this 31 day of May 1833 before me. John Watson, First Judge of Onondaga County.