

Pension Application for John Depuy (Junior)

S.23196 (Widow: Mary)

State of New York

Ulster County SS.

The twenty fifth day of September thousand eight hundred and thirty two, personally appeared before me, Abraham G. Hardenbergh, one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in and for said County being a court of record having by law a clerk and a seal, John Depuy, Junior, a resident of the town of Rochester in the County of Ulster and State of New York, aged Seventy three 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.

That in the year 1776 he volunteered as a private soldier in the Militia of the State of New York for the term of five months in a company commanded by Capt John Hasbrouck, in Col. Johannis Hardenburgh's Regiment. Jacobus Fish was our Major—went from Kingston by Greenwich near New York and were attached to Gen. Scott's Brigade – laid in New York for some time—and were ordered out marched to Long Island, retreated from said Island in the night back to New York—

When the British crossed the East River to York Island we attempted to prevent their landing and were obliged to retreat to the Haerlam [sic] Road and from thence to the North River—from thence we marched to Kingsbridge on our way, at the seven mile stone we met Gen. Putnam with 4 or 500 men, with whom we joined and marched back till near N. York in order to attack the enemy, found that our number was not sufficient and returned to Kingsbridge. Laid there a short time, and then were ordered and marched to White Plains, was there when the Battle was fought—the Right Wing of our army was engaged, our Brigade was placed on the left wing, and was kept in play by the British Cannon—Shortly after the Battle (about one month) was marched to Peaks-Kill and there discharged after serving out said term of [five?] months – in this campaign knew and saw Gen'l Levi Glover—Washington, Hamilton, Major Fish, Col. Pawling, Gen'l Putnam & many others—

Entered the above service the first of May and was discharged in the beginning of October. In the latter part of December in the year 1776, the Regiment of Militia commanded by Col. Hornbeck (to which said applicant belonged was ordered and marched to a place in New Jersey called Hakiat [Hakikat], marched through parts of Ulster and Orange Counties—Joakim Schoonmaker was our Capt., Cornelius VanWagenen first and Philip Hornbeck second Lieut. We were billeted out for some time at Hakeit—were then marched to Clarkstown and from thence to Hackensack—then back to Clarkstown where we were discharged after serving more than one month—does not recollect of any Continental or militia regiments in this service—the British laid in Hackensack and we were engaged in guarding the Country against their depredations.—

In the year 1777 in May the company to which said applicant belonged was classed to make one out of four to go to Fort Montgomery for four months—the class to which this applicant belonged agreed to relieve each other in said service.—said applicant went first and served two months when he was relieved—served in a company commanded by Capt. Faulkner—Barber was Lieutenant and were attached to Col Levi Pawling's Regiment—came home in July—was engaged in this company in repairing the fort in making [?] and scouting about in the surrounding country—know in this campaign Gen. James Clinton & Geor Clinton, Col. McClaughrey, Col. Bruyn, Lieut. Philip D. Bevier & others—

In the same year in July immediately on his return, said applicant volunteered for the term of Four months to go the northward, served said term in the company of Capt. Kortright, in Col. Graham's Regiment, John Cantine Major—was stationed at Saratoga and Stillwater to stop the progress of Genl Burgoyne—was there when Burgoyne surrendered – was attached to Genl Gates Army—was there when the Battles were fought—was not in the engagements, after the second Battle the British retreated to Saratoga, said applicant was in a detachment [blot] and then to Saratoga Church—here we had some skirmishing—then the [?] commenced, and Burgoyne surrendered—after that was marched to Albany and there discharged after serving out said term of four months.—In this campaign saw Genl Gates, Lincoln, Arnold, Genl. Glover—and many others.

In the year 1778 said applicant volunteered and served for the term of five months under Capt. Derick Westbrook on the frontiers [?] in the of Ulster. We were obliged to perform active and dangerous duty on scouting along said Frontier in order to guard the inhabitants against the cruelty of the Indians and Tories—Albert Pawling was our colonel—engaged in this service in the beginning of May and was discharged some time in October following after serving out said term of five months—

In the year 1779 said applicant again volunteered and did serve for Five Months under the last mentioned officers on said Frontier first two months at [?]Kill, and was then moved and [?] three months at Pine Bush in Rochester in said County—and was there discharged after serving said Term of Five Months.—Enlisted in May and was discharged in October.

In the year 1780 said applicant again volunteered and served for the term of Four Months on said Frontiers under the above named officers—said Frontiers were continually infested with Tories and parties of Indians who plundered and amended the Inhabitants—enlisted in June and was discharged in October following.—

In the year 1781 when Wawarsink was burnt by the Indians said applicant served on said Frontiers for several short periods in order to guard and protect the inhabitants. That he has personally been called out on alarms and scouts for two, three and more days at a time—that he has no documentary evidence of his said services; but is positive that he has served the several times above stated, besides several short periods, and can positively state that he has served his country in the Revolutionary War for more than two years.

And in answer to the Interrogatories put to him by the said Judge as required by the War Department—said applicant on his oath states; that he was born in 1757 at Rochester in the County of Ulster aforesaid, that he resided there when he entered the service, and has resided there—that his age is recorded in the family Bible and also in the Records of the Dutch Reformed Church at Rochester aforesaid—that he entered said service as within stated, that he never received a written discharge—that the has set forth as well as he recollects the Continental and Militia Regiments with which he served and the officers whom he knew, and that he can state the names of Abraham T.E. DeWitt and Louis D. Bevier men of the first respectively in his present neighborhood, who can testify to his character for truth and veracity and their belief of his services as a soldier of the Revolution—and said applicant would also state that the clergyman of his neighborhood has lately settled in the Congregation and is not acquainted with him and he has therefore produced as witness, James Hardenberg Jun'r and James Wood.—two respectable inhabitants of his neighborhood who are well acquainted with said applicant.

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 with his mark) John Depuy, Jun'r.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid before me. Abm. G. Hardenberg, one of the Judges of Ulster Com. Pleas.

Letter in folder dated June 1, 1937, written in response to an inquiry.

Reference is made to your letter in which you request the Revolutionary War record of John DePuy, Junior, who served as a private in the New York troops and was placed on the pension roll from Ulster County, New York, in 1833.

The data which follow were obtained from the papers on file in Revolutionary War pension claim, S.23195, based upon the military service in that war of John Pepuy [means Depuy] Junior.

John Depuy, Junior, was born in 1759, in Rochester, Ulster County, New York. His age was recorded on the records of the Dutch Reformed Church of said Rochester. The names of his parents are not given. It was stated that he belonged to a family "noted for having been good Whigs".

While residing in Rochester, New York, John Depuy, Junior, enlisted and served as a private with the New York troops, as follows: from May, 1776 to October, 1776, [hand written note: "he said from May 1 to Oct 1 but as White Plains was Oct 28, I did not use Oct 1 but made it May & October"] in Captain John Hasbrouck's Company [hand written note: "Could not find these captains with the colonels in every tour cited by him but found all in N.Y. records, so used service as he gave it"] Colonel Johannes Hardenburgh's Regiment, was in the retreat from Long Island and battle of White Plains, and served five months; from the latter part of December, 1776, more than one month in Captain Joakim Schoonmaker's Company, Colonel Hornbeck's Regiment from May, 1777, two months in Captain Faulkner's Company, Colonel Levi Pawling's Regiment and was at Fort Montgomery, where he assisted in repairing the effort;

immediately after his return from this tour, four months in Captain Kortright's Company, Colonel Graham's Regiment, marched in Stillwater and Saratoga, and was at the surrender of Burgoyne; in 1779, 1780 and 1781, served fourteen months under Captain Derick Westbrook's Company, Colonel Albert Pawling's Regiment and served on the frontiers of Ulster County guarding the inhabitants from the attacks of the Tories and Indians; he stated that he served, also, on short tours of from one to several days in length, names of officers and dates of those terms not given, and his entire service amounted to over two years.

John Depuy, Junior, was allowed pension on his application executed September 26, 1832 while residing in Rochester, Ulster County, New York.

Soldier's wife was named Mary, but there are no further data in regard to her and no reference was made to children.

[Remainder of document is very poor.] In [?] soldier's sister, Mary Depuy, lived in Rochester, New York. Her age was not stated. In the same year [?] lived in Marletown, New York, and stated that his [?] father and the father of John Depuy were near neighbors but gave no relationship.