

Pension Application for Adam France

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Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed 7 June 1832.

State of New York

Ulster County SS.

On the eleventh day of September 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 the County of Ulster being a court of record for said County proceeding according to the course of the Common law with a jurisdiction unlimited in point of amount and keeping a record of their proceedings having a clerk and seal of their own, Adam France a resident of the town of Saugerties in the County of Ulster aged six years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order the benefits of the act of Congress passed 7th June 1832.

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

1st The said Adam France declares that he was born in the town of Kingston County of Ulster and State of New York on the 14th day of October 1756.

2. That the record of his age is contained in the book of Records of the Lutheran Church at West Camp in Saugerties in Ulster County where he was baptized.

3. That when he was called into service he was living in the town of Kingston County of Ulster and State aforesaid that he has lived there since the Revolutionary War and lives there now.

That the said Adam France was for the term of two months in the summer of the year 1777 to the best of his recollection in a detachment of Militia under the command of Lieutenant Peter Osterhoudt stationed at big Shandaken in the town of Shandaken in the County of Ulster and were engaged the whole of the said term of service ranging through the woods along the frontier settlements from the town of Marletown through Shandaken, Woodstock, Kingston and Saugerties in Ulster County, that he did not receive a written discharge from this service and for proof refers to John H. Walker a living witness that he was a volunteer that he was a soldier or continental regiments in this service.

2d That the said Adam France served for a term of one months in a detachment of a Militia under the command of the said Lieutenant Peter Osterhoudt, stationed at the house of one Peter Short in the Town of Woodstock in said county late in the fall of the year 1778 or 9 but is not positive in which year said service was performed as a volunteer & private soldier that he had no written discharge that there was no continental or militia regiments [can't read 2 lines].

3d That the said Adam France served for the term of one and a half months under the following officers on the frontiers in the town of Kingston & Saugerties in said county viz, under Lieutenant John VanDeusen of [Waghkunk?] at the house of Johannis VanEtten for Half a month and at Tobias Wynkoops in the town of

Saugerties, one week under Lieutenant Anthony VanSchaick, one week under Lieutenant Martin Homel and half a month under Captain Moses Yomans that he was private soldier and for one month after service [??? Can't read 3 lines].

4th And the said Adam France farther declares that he served as a private soldier and as a volunteer for the term of nine months in the year 1781 in the company commanded by Captain Livingston in Colonel Albert Pawlings Regiment of Militia that said Regiment was stationed in small detachments along the frontier settlements in said county of Ulster and he was stationed at [Brabaus?] in Kingston at the house of one Haus Turk, and that he was ranging along the frontiers for the whole of said term of service, that the said service commenced in the beginning of the month of April and ended in the beginning of the month of January following and for proof of this service begs leave to refer to Wilhelmius Emerick and Martin Short two living witnesses whose affidavits are here and annexed and he has no written discharge that there [were] no continental regiments in this service.

5th And lastly the said Adam France declares that he served in the Capacity of a private soldier for the term of NINE months in the year 1782 in the company commanded by Captain Livingston in Colonel Weisenvelt's Regiment of Militia as a volunteer, that the said Regiment was stationed in detachments along the frontiers in the said county of Ulster aforesaid and that he was stationed under Lieutenant Dubois at [Brabaut?] in Kingston that the said service commenced about the beginning of the month of April and ended in the beginning of January following, that he was engaged during the whole of the above period of time on ranging along the frontier settlements in said County, and at the end of said time was discharged at Marbletown, but does not know whether he had a written discharge and if he had, it is now lost, and for proof of this service, he begs leave to refer to the said Martin Post and Wilhelmus Emerick [?] [?] whose affidavits are hereunto annexed [can't read a sentence].

He is positive that he has [?] in the Revolutionary War as a private soldier and a volunteer for more than Twenty two and a half months. But that as to the times when the places where and names of the officers under whom the above services were rendered he cannot positively declare at this remote period of time, nor does mean to be so understood in the foregoing declaration.

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.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid in open court. (Signed with his mark) Adam France

Abm. Hardenbergh, Abm. A Deyo, John Jansen