

Pension Application for John Gay

S.10723

State of New York

Montgomery County SS

On this 12th day of December in the year of our Lord 1832, personally appeared before the Court of Common Pleas now sitting John Gay, a resident of the Town of Johnstown in the County of Montgomery & State of New York aged 75 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 he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers, and served as herein stated. Your applicant says that in the Spring of the year 1775 he volunteered in the service in the company of Capt. Henry Dodge, Lieut Joel Wicks, the ensign's name he does not recollect belonging to Col. Wisefelt's Militia Regiment the other officers name he does not recollect and went under the above officers from Poughkeepsie his then place of residence to Fishkill and from thence to Albany & from thence to Schenectady and so up to Johnstown and from the latter place to Saratoga, the month when he went out and when discharged he cannot state, but says he was out at the time four months.

And your applicant further says that the year before this 1775 he was impressed or drafted to go with his Father's team into the service and went from his said place of residence to Peekskill and from thence to Philadelphia and served for the term of three months as such teamster.

And your applicant says that he resided in the County of Dutchess during the war of the revolution, and that that section of country, as he supposes is well known to this Hon Department was very much exposed to the enemy and the militia of that place were frequently called out.

And that your applicant as one of such militia was frequently called out and did go out during the war under Captains Isaac, Conkling & Lemuel Conkling belonging to the Regiment above mentioned & mentioned & also Capt. Joseph Hagaman the other officers of those different companies he does not recollect. He served this time in the militia under the above named captains by piece meals eight, ten, and twenty days at a time.

He says he has been afflicted with the palsy which has impaired his memory very much so that its impossible for him to state the length of time he was out at each time and different places he went to.

And this applicant says that he has served more than three months at these different times best to place it as their bounds say that he claims for only for three months in the militia & that his service amounts in all to nine months for which he claims a pension.

And your applicant says he was born in Poughkeepsie in the year 1757.

And he has no record of his age.

He was acquainted with none of the regular officers.

He has no discharge.

He served as a private.

He is acquainted with the following persons residing in his neighborhood who can testify as to his character for truth and veracity and their belief of his services as a soldier of the revolution to wit, Aaron Haring & John L. Hutchinson. He is not acquainted with a clergyman.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present & declares his name is not on the pension roll of any state or annuity of the state. (Signed with his mark) John Gay

Sworn & Subscribed the day and year aforesaid. Geo. D. Ferguson, Clk