

## **Pension Application for Garet or Garret Goewey**

S.23236

State of New York

Albany County SS

On this 21<sup>st</sup> day of July one thousand eight hundred and thirty two personally appeared in open court before the Justices of the Justices Court of the City of Albany now sitting Garret Goewey a resident of the City of Albany 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 7<sup>th</sup> 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated. That about the first of June in the summer of 1778 he was drafted in the militia and went to Schoharie taking the old road and stopped at the old Schoharie Stone Church then used as a fort—while here he was frequently out on scouting parties. He saw no regular troops while here. The only officers he now recollects were Major Abraham Fonda and Lieutenant Levinus Winne. He was gone two months.

And he further declares that about the middle of May 1779 he again went to Schoharie as a substitute at this time each company of militia [militia] had to send one out of every six or seven. His rout[e] there was the same as before and he was again stationed at the Old Stone Church or upper fort as it was called. He cannot recollect any of his officers except Lieutenant Conrad Sharpe. He was absent two months.

And he further declares that in May 1780 he went again as a drafted militiaman [militiaman] with the office of first sergeant and was placed with others under the command of Lieutenant William Willson who he now thinks belonged to the regular army and who had come to Albany for powder. They took the old Schoharie road and were stationed at what was called the Middle Fort about three miles beyond the old Stone Church or upper fort while here he was out a number of times to drive off the tories and Indians but had no engagement with them. At one time Butler & Brant who headed a combined tory and Indians force sent a flag of truce to the fort and demanded it surrender, but which was not complied with. They made no attempt to take the fort but after remaining about there a day or two they went off.

There were regular troops here who were five years men and Capt. Brown had the command when he left Albany in this expedition he expected to have been gone there or four months but was detained owing to a scarcity of men until near Christmas following when he returned home having been absent about seven months. Here he performed the same duty as the regular troops.

And he further declares that in 1782 he was enrolled as a volunteer and private in Captain Jacob Lansing's Company of Militia and marched from Albany by the way of Schenectady Fort Hunter and other places along the Mohawk River to Fort Plain that after being here a month & more he with others went to Bowman's Creek where he remained near a month longer and then returned home having been absent all of

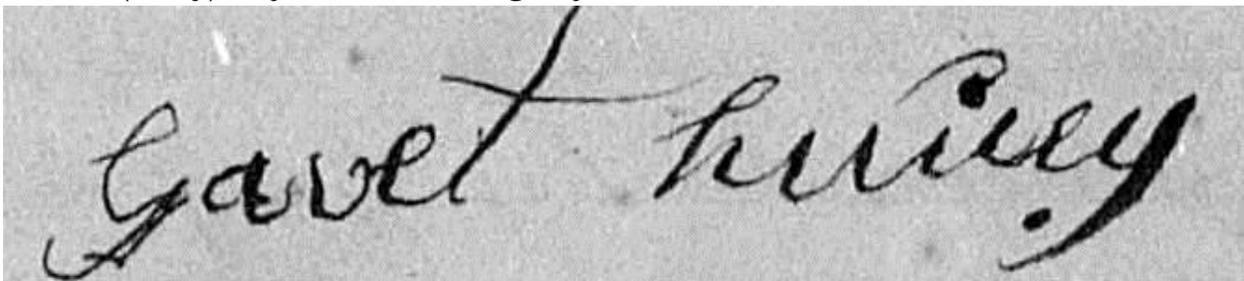
two months his other officers as now recollected by him were Major Abraham Fonda and Levinus Winne. In giving the names of the officers for each of the above times that he turned out for the service of his country he may owing to the lapse of time have fallen into an error and he may as to some of the times when he turned out be mistaken in the year, but he can safely declare and does most positively & unequivocally declare that as to the number of times he turned out there is no mistake nor is there any in the time he was gone for in the respect he has rather staited than unproperly increased it.

And he further declares that during the whole of the revolutionary war he resided in the City of Albany & was when at home called upon every week and frequently three times in a week either to stand guard for the protection of the city during the night, to go out when alarms were given or to attend the [?ills] which were so numerous at that eventful [?] and that these last mentioned services when taken together would be equal to at least four months militia duty.

And he further declares that he was born in the City of Albany in the County & State aforesaid in the year one thousand seven hundred and fifty nine. That he has resided in the City ;& County of Albany ever since and that he knows of no record of his age nor where any can be found.

He has no documentary evidence of his aforesaid services & never had any. That all of the aforesaid officers are to the best of his knowledge & belief dead and if snot there are no person or persons now living to his knowledge who can testify to them or any part of them except such as have been sworn to by Abraham Vosburgh whose affidavit accompanys [accompanies] this his declaration and [the? sic] he further declares that the whole of his above mentioned services amount to one year & five months.

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 or (if any) only in that of the agency of the State of New York.

A photograph of a handwritten signature in cursive script, which reads "Garret Winney". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored, slightly textured paper.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid. J.G. Wasson Clk.

Letter in folder dated May 21, 1931, written in response to an inquiry.

You are advised that in appears from the papers in the Revolutionary War pension claim, S.23236, that Gareet or Garret Goewey was born in 1759 in Albany, New York.

While residing in Albany, he enlisted and served with the New York troops as follows:--from June, 1778, two months as private under Lieutenant Levinus Winne

and Major Abraham Fonda; from May, 1779, two month as private under Lieutenant Conrad Sharpe; from May, 1780, seven months as sergeant under Lieutenant William Willson; in 1782, two months as private in Captain Jacob Lansing's company under Major Abraham Fonda. He also served on several alarms, amounting to about four months.

He was allowed pension on his application executed July 21, 1832, at which time he was living at Albany.

The above noted is the history of the only soldier with surname Goewey that is found in the Revolutionary War records of this bureau.