

Pension Application for John Herron

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State of New York

Schoharie County SS.

On this 16th day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty three personally appeared before me Tho. P. Danforth one of the Judges of the court of Common Pleas of the County of Schoharie in the State of New York John Herron a resident of the town of Middleburgh in the County of Schoharie in the being [sic] State of New York aged seventy six years who 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 Colonel Vandyck, Major Fink, Captain Marcellus Lieutenant Abraham Becker, that he does not recollect the names of the other officers, nor the Christian Names of the above named except the Lieutenant, that he entered the service as a private in the month of April in the year 1776 the day of the month he does not remember & left the service in the month of October in the year 1776 just six months from the time he entered the service.

That he resided at the time he entered the service in that part of the State of New York now the town of Middleburg in the County of Schoharie. That he entered the service as a volunteer & enlisted for six months. That immediately on his enlistment he joined a part of his company at Middleburgh under the command of Lieutenant Becker and marched with them to Albany at this place the company & Regiment were organized. That he stayed at Albany but a short time when he marched with his Regiment to Fort Edward staid there a little more than a week & then marched to Fort George on Lake George. There were several Regiments at Fort George, but whether they were Continentals or Malitia he cannot tell, that he cannot tell who were their officers.

That he lay at Fort George about three months, that he then marched back to Fort Edward with his regiment & lay there nearly a month, then marched to Fort Ann & lay there & between there & Fort Edward two or three weeks & was engaged in repairing the Road from Fort Edward to fort Ann. That he then marched to Fort Edward & staid there a short time when they were ordered to Fort Stanwix that he marched with the Regiment to Lansingburgh, where orders were received to return to Fort Edward. That he marched back to Fort Edward & lay there until the expiration of his time of enlistment when he was discharged and returned home. That he was in no Battle & does not know that he saw any Continental Regiment, Company, or officers during this period.

And the said Herron further saith that he resided in that part of the State of New York now the Town of Middleburgh in the County of Schoharie from the first day of December in the year 1776 until the first day of March in the year 1781 that he was enrolled in the Malitia of the State of New York as early as the first day of December in the year 1776.

That the Regiment & company in which he was enrolled was at the time of his enrollment commanded by the following named officers Colonel Peter Vrooman, & Lieutenant Colonel Peter Zelig, Major Thomas Eckerson, Captain George Richtmire, Lieutenant John Bellinger for that he does not recollect the name of the Ensign. That he belonged to the said Regiment & company from the said first day of December in the year 1776 until the first day of March in the year 1781.

That the said Regiment & Company were commanded by the above named officers during that time. That from the said first day of December in the year 1776 until the first day of March in the year 1781 he was very frequently on duty in the service of the United States for short periods of from two days to three weeks at a time.

That he does not recollect the number of different periods he was on duty that he was during most of the periods under the command of some officer of the Regiment or company to which he belonged but which officer had the immediate command each period he cannot tell, that he does not recollect the time, when he entered the service at each or any of those periods, nor the time when he left the same nor how long he was engaged on duty each period.

That he was not drafted a volunteer or substitute any of the above mentioned periods to his knowledge.

That he was ordered into the service by some officer of his Regiment or company and entered the service in obedience to such order. That in the year 1778 he marched under Colonel Vroman in pursuit of the Tories and Indians under McDonald who had been murdering the inhabitants of Schoharie. Colonel Harper with a party of light Horse from Albany was with the Americans.

That he was in an expedition to the Charloote [Charlotte] River when [Scriver] a celebrated Tory was shot. That he went frequently into those parts of the State of New York now the Counties of Albany, Delaware & Otsego. That he was frequently in the Forts in Schoharie on garrison duty.

That he was in the middle Fort in Schoharie, when Schoharie was burnt in the year 1780. That Major Woolsey commanded at the fort. That he does not recollect where he went each period. That some part of this period Colonel Butler with a company of riflemen lay at the middle & upper Forts in Schoharie and small parties of Continental Troops were at Schoharie occasionally for short periods during this period.

And the said Herron saith that he is positive that he was engaged on duty in the service of the United States as a private soldier from the first day of December in the year 1776 until the first day of March in the year 1781 at different periods in the whole amounting to at least one year & six months.

And the said Herron further saith that he has no documentary evidence of his services above stated.

That he was born in Scotland.

That in the spring of the year 1781 he removed from Middleburgh to that part of the State of New York now the town of Bethlehem in the County of Albany where he resided until the close of the Revolutionary War when he returned to Middleburgh

where he has since resided. That he has no record of his age. That he received a discharge at the expiration of his term of enlistment above set forth but that it is lost. That he never received any other discharge from the service.

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) John Herron

Sworn to & subscribed the day and year aforesaid before me Tho. W. Danforth one of the Judges of the court of Common Pleas of the County of Schoharie in the State of New York.