

### **Pension Application for John Jewett**

W.20182 (Widow: Prudence)

B.L.Wt.26711-160-55

State of New York

Tioga County SS

On this 20<sup>th</sup> day of November AD 1832, personally appeared in open Court before the Judges of the Court of Oyer [Oyer] & Terminer holden at Owego in & for the County of Tioga & now in person, John Jewett aged seventy five years & upwards, a resident of the Town of Owego, Tioga County State of new York 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 he resided in the Town of Pawling, Dutchess County, New York in the year AD 1776, where he enlisted under Captain William Pearce, Benjamin Elliott & Nathaniel Butler the Lieutenants—

The first of August the company marched to Kingsbridge where it joined its regiment commanded by Colonel Jacobus Swarthout. While here, tow companies, of which Capt. Pearce's was one, volunteered to go over to Long Island, which they did two days before the army left the Island , on which event they returned to their regiment and marched to White Plains and were engaged in that Battle. After the battle they marched near to New Windsor where on the first of January he was discharged after having served five months.

He was appointed to be the fife Major by the Colonel on joining the Regiment, and acted during the five months under that appointment. He has rec'd a said Warrant in writing.

In the year 1777, he enlisted at the same place of resident above mentioned under Captain William Calkins Lieutenants Forbes & Oakley, whose company was attached to a regiment commanded by Colonel Henry Ludington in WestChester County, and by whom he was warranted as fife Major of the Regiment. He remained on the lines in that County three months & was then duly discharged, and in the fall of the same year served one month as a Common Fifer in the Company of Capt. Wm. Pearse, which was called out on an alarm; marched to Peekskill & joined the Regiment of Colonel Field—at the end of the month he returned home.

In the year 1778 he enlisted under Capt. William Pearce—Stephen Hunt being one of his Lieutenants; the Company was attached to a Regiment commanded by Colonel Graham which he joined at Tuckahoe in Westchester County, New York. Colonel Graham appointed him to be the fife Major of the Regiment in which capacity he acted for three months, when he was duly discharged. While this regiment was on foot, during the three months—there was an Indian Company in Camp their Captain of which was Niemham and the Lieutenant was his son Daniel—both of whom were taken and some of the company slain by the British lighthorse.

In the fall of the year 1779, he was called out, on an alarm, in the same company which joined a Regiment under Colonel Field and marched to Fishkill in Dutchess County, New York.

He served as a fifer on this occasion and was out only two weeks.

That he resided in the Town of Pawling in the county of Dutchess, State of New York at the time of entering service as above mentioned.

That he was born at the said town of Pawling in the year AD 1757, on the 4<sup>th</sup> day of July as he has been informed. He has no record of his age other than one made by himself from such information. Since the war he has resided at Schaghticoke Washington Co., N.Y. at Frederick in Putnam Co., N.Y. at short time in the State of Connecticut and lastly at Owego in the County of Tioga, N.Y. where he now resides & has resided for fifteen years.

That he is known to Asa Camp, Eleazar Dana, William Platt & David Hemstrought in his neighbourhood who can testify as to his character for veracity and their belief of his services as a soldier of the Revolution.

That he never took any discharge in writing. That he has no documentary evidence of his service. That he has procured the affidavits of Joseph Smith who served with him a part of the time above stated, and of Jacob C. Jewett his brother, which are hereto annexed.

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

Sworn and subscribed the day and year above written. Green M. Tuthill, Clk