

Pension Application for John Knapp

S.23292

State of Pennsylvania
County of Bradford SS

On this 13th day of September 1832 personally appeared in open court before the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas of said County of Bradford John Knapp a resident of Franklin township in the County of Bradford & State of Pennsylvania aged seventy five 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 7th 1832.

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

[crossed out: under in Captain John Kackson's Company] in the company commanded by Capt. John Jackson the Battalion commanded by Major Moses Hatfield Regiment by Col. Sam'l Drake & Lieut Col. Holliburt Brigade by Genl Marine Scott in the New York line—

That he enlisted in the month of June 1776 between the middle and he thinks the 20th of the month at Goshen township Orange County New York and served under the officers above named until the first of December following—at the time he entered the service he resided at Goshen the place where he enlisted. That he was in the City of New York when one of Genl Washingtons life guards was executed for conspiring to take his life also at the time the British fleet came into the Harbour. He was on parade in the City of New York when Independence was published to the army. At the time of the evacuation of New York he was at his fathers on a furlow sick with the camp distemper and joined the army again at Kings bridge. From Kings bridge the army marched to White Plains where he was when Genl McDougals brigade had a battle with the British. From White plains the army went to Peekskill where he was taken out for the Genl. Paymasters Guard in which capacity he served until the last day of November. On the first of December he went to where the army lay at Haverstraw and went that night in company with Samuel Gardner who was also on the Paymasters Guard with himself to lodge with a brother of Said Gardners about a mile from the camp and on returning next morning to the same found the company to which he belonged had gone home when said Gardner & he went on home after them without any certificate of discharge.

After he had been at home about nine days there was an alarm given and he volunteered to go with the militia in the company commanded by first lieut. William Stewart in the regiment commanded by Col. William Allison (The Major Moses Hatfield being then a prisoner taken by the british at New York) and served a tour of six weeks and three days. In this tour he was at Tappan near Haverstraw where he remained with the Regiment until he was dismissed. He received no certificate of discharge.

He further states that in the Spring of 1777 he was called out on a tour of duty & served as near as he can recollect half a month under Capt. John Minthorn who

belonged to the Regiment commanded by Col. John Haythorn of the New York Militia. His duties in this tour were keeping guard and scouting.

He further states that in June of the year 1777 he was called on a tour of duty to Fort Montgomery where he served about half a month in the company commanded he thinks by Capt. John Little. His duties on this tour were keeping guard and serving "on fatigue."

He further states that at the time Fort Montgomery was taken he was called out on an alarm and served about ten day at Murdners Creek below New Winsor in the Regt commanded by Col. Benjamin Truton.

He further states that in the that in the Spring of 1778 he was called out with the militia to erect a garrison at West Point where he wrought at the Garrison one month under Capt. John Little in the Regt. Commanded by Lieut Col. Benjamin Truxton (Col. Wm. Allison being then a prisoner at New York)

He further states that he afterwards served another tour at West Point working at the garrison about a week or ten days.

He further states that he volunteered to go to Newburg, in a company of Artificers, to repair wagons &c for the Continental service in which capacity he served as near as he can recollect for the term of three months under the command of Captain James Young.

He further states that in the years 1778 & 1779 there were frequent & sudden alarms by the Indians approaching the frontiers & that he was called and frequently went out with the militia to protect them that he was at the battle with the Indians on the Delaware River about 30 miles in the wilderness called the "Delaware battle"—was out on an alarm when Peanpeck was burnt and frequent alarms until the close of the war.

He has no documentary evidence of his service & there is no person living within his knowledge by whom he can prove his services except Sela Arnout of whose deposition is forwarded, his native place is in Goshen Orange County New York & he resided there during the war and for the term of five or six years & from thence removed to Luzerne Col. Pa. & resided there three years & from thence removed to Bradford Co. & has lived there to this time, he has no record of his age.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to 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 Knapp

Sworn and subscribed the day & year aforesaid. J. P. Bull, Prot.

Letter in folder dated November 24, 1933, written in response to an inquiry.

Reference is made to your letter in which you request the record of John Knapp, a Revolutionary War pensioner from Bradford County, Pennsylvania.

The data furnished herein were obtained from the papers on file in pension claim. S.23292, based upon the Revolutionary War service of John Knap.

He was born in Goshen, Orange County, New York, date not stated, nor are the names of his parents given.

While residing in Goshen Township, Orange County, New York, John Knapp enlisted in June, 1776 and served at various times as a private in the New York militia, under Captains John Jackson, John Minthorn, John Little, Lieutenant William Stewart, Colonels Samuel Drake, William Allison, John Hathorn, Benjamin Tusten, and three months in Captain James Young's company of Artificers. He was out in many scouting parties, was in a battle with the Indians on the Delaware River, length of all his service one year, two months and fifteen days.

He continued to live in Goshen until five or six years after the Revolution, then moved to Luzerne County, Pennsylvania, where he lived three years and moved to Bradford County, Pennsylvania.

John Knapp was allowed pension on his application executed, September 14, 1932, then a resident of Franklin Township, Bradford County, Pennsylvania. John Knapp died February 5, 1836.

There are no data in this claim pertaining to the family of John Knapp.

Certificate No. 26044, Issued March 3, 1832, rate \$48.32 per annum.