

Pension Application for Jacob Knouts

R.6036 (Widow: Elizabeth) Married September 1778 by Rev Christopher Whiting of the County of Herkimer. Jacob died June 22, 1833.

State of New York

Herkimer County SS.

On the twelfth day of October 1832 personally appeared in open court before the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in and for the County of Herkimer now sitting Jacob Knouts of the Town of Starks Herkimer County State of New York aged sixty six years of age who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath depose and make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passeth the seventh day of June 1832 do make the following declaration to wit that he entered in the services of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein after stated.

This deponent further said that he was born in the Town of Canajohary Tryon County now being nown [known] as the Town of Minden Montgomery County State of New York on the twenty first day of May one thousand seven hundred sixty six and says that he has a family record with him in which his age stands recorded.

This deponent further saith that at the age of fifteen years of age he first entered in the service, by enlisting unto the state troops as a private of the State of New York some time early in the spring things about the first day of April 1782.

This deponent further saith he enlisted in the war of the revolution as a private foresaid for the term of nine months. Says that he was enlisted into Capt. Tierse Company under the immediate command of Colonel Marinus Willet.

This deponent further saith that this aforesaid Enlistment took place in City of Albany in the year 1782 or before stated and after passing muster before he manned [Rovraback?] and approached for that purpose I took the oath of allegiance [allegiance] to my Country.

This deponent further said that when he entered first into the services of the United States that he resided in the Town of Green Bush opposite [opposite] of Albany and after being so enlisted, passeth Muster, and took the oath of allegiance as aforesaid, I was placed under the amiatiate [immediately] command of the there Quartermas [Quartermaster's] Mathew Trotter as a waiter for said Quarter Master.

This deponent further saith that the regiment in which he enlisted was commanded by Colonel Marinus Willet Major Ben or Benjamin Scoter Adjatent [Adjutant] Fonda Quarter Master Mathew Trotter and my company to which I belonged was Commanded by Capt. Tierse.

This deponent further saith that the aforesaid Regiment lay at Albany after my enlistment about one month and then this deponent thinks three companies out of said Regiments to which I belonged, to wit Capt Tiese's Company Capt. Henry's Company & Capt Young's Company marched to Johnstown in County of Montgomery there I remained with the aforesaid Companys at Johnstown aforesaid about one month from thence these three companies marched to Stonearabia in said County and the baggage belonged to these aforesaid three companies wore send to the Mohawk

River and ware carried to Fortplain in a Boat and I this deponent was sent by the officers Commanding these three Companies to guard these Bagages [Baggages] and see them save [safe] delivered to Fortplain, and after arriving at Fortplain with these Bagages aforesaid they were carried to Stonearabia where [where] these aforesaid companies lay there [there?] I joined these Companies again and we lay or Remained at Stonearabia at a Fort there called Fort Parris about two months, the commanding officers at this fort were Major Ben Trotter so called Adjutant Fonda Quartermaster Mathus Trotter Capt Tierse &c then this small Regiment [Regiment] Marched to Fort Plain and I this deponent Remained there with the regiment aforesaid until some time in November of said year then was sent by Quartermaster Mathew Trotter to Albany and tended to some of his business there until said Trotter arrived at Albany aforesaid there Remained under the Command of said Mathus Trotter until the full end of my nine months term of Enlistment and after my time of Enlistment had expired I called on Capt. Tierse then being in Albany for a discharge he the said Capt. Tierse commanded to discharge me and did give me a verbal discharge at the same time I required of said Tierse a written discharge he answered me that it was Immaterial that a verbal discharge was as good as any.

This deponent further saith that he was born in the present Town of Minden Montgomery County in the year 1766—Says that he has a record of his age with him in which his age stands recorded.

This deponent further saith when he first entered the service of the United States he resided in the Town of GreenBush opposite of Albany says that he lived since the war of the revolution in the present Town of Minden Montgomery County and from thence removed to my present place of residence in town of Stark about fifty years ago, Herkimer County State of New York.

This Deponent further saith that he never was drafted nor was he a volunteer or a substitute—says that the regular officers under which I served was the following to wit Colonel Willet, Major Ben Scoter so called Adjutant Fonda Quartermaster Mathus Trotter Capt. Tierse Lieutenant Thornton Ensign [Ensign] Hilton &c. says that he never received a written discharge.

The deponent further states that the following persons are to me personally known and reside in my amediate [immediate] neighbourhood who can testify as to this deponent truth to character for veracity and there [their] belief of my services as a soldier in the war of the revolution to wit John Roth Nicholas Dick Lodwick Springer Cornelius Slaughter.

This deponent further states that he never received any annuity [annuity] or pension from or under any law providing for the officers and soldiers of the Revolution. Hereby Relinquish[s] every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on any pension roll of the agency of any state.
(Signed) Jacob Krantz

Sworn to in open Court Oct 12th 1832. Julius C. Nelson, Clerk