

## **Pension Application for John Knowlton**

S.13668

Declaration, in order to obtain the act of Congress passed June 7, 1832.

State of New York

Saratoga County SS.

On this seventh day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty two personally appeared in open court before the court of Common Pleas of the county of Saratoga and State of New York, now sitting John Knowlton, a resident of Clifton Park in the county of Saratoga, and State of New York, aged eighty 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 7, 1832.

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

He was born in Bedford New Purchase in the County of Westchester and State of New York A.D. 1747 is now Eighty five years of age he has no Record of his age except in his family Bible. He resided when he entered the service in New Mulberry in the County of Ulster and State of New York & Resided there till the year 1778 when he removed to the Town of Ballston now Malta & resided there for five years except the time in service of the United States of America, when he removed to the Town of Halfmoon in the County of Saratoga.

That he has continued to reside in that place then called Halfmoon now called Clifton park ever since the year 1783.

That he knew in the Army Col. Hasbrook under whom he served.

He is known to the Rev. Matthias Swain of the Town of Malta in the said County Clergyman and to William Shepherd, Stephen A. Daggertt, Cornelius Hagemen & Isaac E. Garnsey & to Nathan Garnsey & Aaron Nash, of Ballston who can certify as to their belief of his having been a Revolutionary Soldier & of their opinion of his good character.

That on the eleventh day of October A.D. 1775 this deponent received a commission as Ensign of the Militia Company of Foot in the North East Precinct of New Marlborough in Ulster County whereof Jacob Wood Esq was Captain in the Regiment commanded by Col. Hasbrook which said Commission is hereto annexed.

1. That after receiving the said commission in A.D. 1775 he was called out with the company and went to Fort Montgomery and stayed there one half month and did duty in keeping guard. This was soon after he received his said commission and then returned home.  $\frac{1}{2}$  month. Jacob Wood was Captain & Julian Mackey Lieutenant.
2. That in the year 1776 he went with his company in the spring of the year to Fort Montgomery and continued there to do duty on Guard for eight days & then returned home.

3. That soon after he was again in 1776 called with his company to New Windsor in the said State of New York & continued there on guard as an Ensign aforesaid for the space of one half month & then returned home.
4. That soon after his return home he was again called out with his company and went to [Cahaak?] and continued there doing duty as Ensign as aforesaid for the term of three weeks and then returned.  $\frac{3}{4}$  months
5. That on the first of June in the year 1776 he was called to Guard the lines from Blue Point to New Windsor in the State of New York the Guard consisted of 16 men who were under the command of this deponent that he acted under his said commission and continued in the duty of guarding the lines as aforesaid with the aforesaid men for the term of five months and 20 days and returned home the 20<sup>th</sup> or 25<sup>th</sup> Dec'r 1776.
6. That on the first of November 1777, soon after Burgoine was taken he was called out with his company by order of Col. Hasbrook to go to ;guard the shores from NewBurgh to Blue Point and continued there guarding the shores as Ensign of the said Company for one half month and then returned home.

That in the Spring of 1778 he removed [?] Stillwater in the then County of Albany now called Saratoga. He was called to Lake Desolation by order from Captain Stephen White of the Militia of the State of New York this deponent was then a private having resigned his said Commission by removing from New Mulberry the Scout or Company that went to Lake Desolation consisted of about 20 men commanded by Captain White for the purpose of scouring the Country of Indians and Tories who had the day before taken away two sons lads of Arie Banta of Clifton Park & Lieut [Cornelius?] White of Ballston the scout lasted about one week when this deponent returned home. This was some time in June of 1778 as he believes.

That in the fall of 1778 he went as a private in Captain White's Company on an alarm the Scout or alarm consisted of about 40 men and went to Fort Edward , this scout were composed of men from various companies. They went to Fort Edward aforesaid keeping guard and was out about twenty days.

That all the services of this applicant were military duties that he was always called out by order of his Col. Hasbrook while he resided in New Mulberry aforesaid in the Regiment of the said Col. Hasbrook that after receiving his said commission to guard the shores of the Hudson along which the British frequently came with ships, and sometimes a firing took place between the enemy and the American soldiers that from the time of receiving his commission as Ensign he always held himself in perfect willingness to go to defend his Country from the Invasion of her Foe and that he always went when called upon during his continuance as Ensign as aforesaid frequently leaving his Farm and the domestic affairs of this deponent to be unattended and untilld that some short services rendered his country as a soldier are not set forth in the declaration of this deponent.

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 Knowlton

Sworn to, and subscribed in open court this 7<sup>th</sup> day of September 1832.  
Thomas Palmer Clerk

Letter in folder dated November 24, 1937, written in response to an inquiry.

Reference is made to your letter in which you request information in regard to Robert, John, Thomas and Daniel Knowlton, all of whom served in the New York troops, War of the Revolution.

There are no claim for pension or bounty land on file based upon the military service in the Revolutionary War of a Robert, Thomas or Daniel Knowlton, who served in the New York troops. Such claims are the source of the data furnished by this office. The record of John Knowlton has been found and is furnished herein.

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John Knowlton was born in 1747, in Bedford New Purchase, Westchester County, New York. The names of his parents are not shown.

While residing in New Mulberry, Ulster County, New York, John Knowlton was commissioned, October 11, 1775, ensign of a company of foot of Ulster County, under Captain Jacob Wood and Colonel Jonathan Hasbrouck and served as such officer in said company on tours until in November, 1777, amounting to nine months and twenty-eight days in all; the service was rendered at Fort Montgomery and along the Hudson River guarding the shores and the lines, this officer often in command of the guards in 1778, John Knowlton resigned his commission as ensign and moved to Ballston, Albany (later Malta, Saratoga) County, New York, and in June 1778, enlisted as a private in Captain Stephen White's New York Company and served one week as a scout; in the fall of 1778; he served again as a private and scout in said Captain White's Company, went to Fort Edward and served about twenty days.

After residing at Ballston, New York, for about five years, John Knowlton moved to Half Moon (later Clifton Park) Saratoga County, New York, where he was living when he was allowed pension on his application executed September 7, 1832.

He died January 19, 1838, place not stated.

He was survived by children, their names and the name of his wife are not shown.