

Pension Application for John Losee

S.13772

State of New York

Jefferson County SS.

On this eleventh day of September 1832, personally appeared in open Court, before the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas, in and for said County, now sitting, John Losee a resident of Watertown in said County, aged 78 5/12 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.

That he was born in Fishkill New York the 16th April 1754, record of age in his Family Bible. That he lived at Fishkill at the time he performed the military services herein stated—

The first service was a tour of a fortnight in Capt. Horton's Company Colonel Brinkerhooff's Regt to White Plains does not recollect the year—

The next was in Capt Willsey's Company Colonel Brinkenhooff's Regt, don't remember the year but knows it was in October and at the time the British Shipping came up the River and that Burgoyne surrendered while he was out was [?] and served four weeks & was dismissed at Peekskill the service was along the River watching the British shipping.

The same year and after the above, served one month in Capt. John Benschouten's Co., in the same Regt was stationed at Fishkill when the Continental Army there lay – at which time I knew Maj. Alias Benschoten & Lieut McBria of the Continental Army and Colonel Dubois—Had to go every other day to Fishkill Land to active guard—Was dismissed at Fishkill after having served one month.

The next year was drafted and served three months at Fishkill under Capt. John Benschouten – Colo Brinkenhoff and was dismissed at that place.—

In the year 1779 was ordered out by Capt. Joseph Horton's in Col Brinkerhooff's Regt and served three months in guarding the roads and passes from the foot of Fishkill Mountains through Hopewell a distance on the road of about 4 miles and stood guard every other night to prevent the Cowboys going up and down – destroying the property of citizens and giving intelligence to the British.

The next year performed the same services, on the same guard and under the same officers three months—was called out on an alarm—(can't recollect the year) in Capt Horton's Col. Col. Brinkerhooff's and went to Kingstreet 8 or 10 miles from White Plains—the British Horse had been up there and we were called out to take them—Served two weeks in this campaign—[?] the [?] the war was called out a fortnight to Crumb Pond at the time the British burnt Crumb Pond Meeting House this service was in Capt Horton's Company Colo. Brinkerhoff Regt.

The winter of 1779 was pressed into the service with his team and drawed wood to the Barracks at Fishkill, when a Provost guard was there kept and did so two weeks.

The next winter an appeal was made to all who wanted help their country and he turned out with his team and drew Flour & provisions from Fishkill to Barracks to West Point—went one day & back the next and was there employed four weeks under the direction of the officers of the Barracks, & for these services he never rec'd anything—

That he cannot recollect precisely the order in which these various services were performed but that they were all faithfully done—[??? fold in paper] in the New York Militia or State Troops —That he served his country—

That his several services amount to thirteen and a half months knows of no witnesses living—has no written vouchers and never had a written discharge—after the Rev. War moved to Pittstown and from Pittstown to Albany, then to wAtertown where I have lived about 24 years.

Thinks all his neighbours have heard him relate his Revolutionary services years ago.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a Pension or Annuity except the present; and declares that his name is onto on the Pension Roll of the Agency of any State. (Signed) John Losee

Sworn to, and subscribed, the day and year aforesaid. P. Burchard Clerk.

Letter in folder dated December 3, 1938, written in response to an inquiry.

Reference is made to your letter in which you request the Revolutionary War records of John and Joseph Losee, both of New York.

The Revolutionary War records of this office have been searched and no claim for pension found based upon service of any Joshua Losee.

You are furnished herein the Revolutionary War record of John Losee, as found in papers on file in claim for pension, S.13772, based on his military service in that war. This is the record of the only John Losee found on file in the Revolutionary War records of this office.

John Losee was born April 16, 1754, in Fishkill, New York. The names of his parents are not stated.

While residing In said Fishkill, John Losee served as a private in Colonel Brinckerhoff's New York Regiment, as follows:

Two weeks in captain Horton's company, dates not given; in the year that Burgoyne surrendered, four weeks in captain Willsey's company; later in same year, one month in captain John Benschoten's company; in 1779, three months in Captain Joseph Horton's company; in the next year, three months in Captain Joseph Horton's company; he was out on several alarms, and also, took his own team and hauled wood and provisions for the army. He stated that his service in all amounted to thirteen and one half months.

The soldier, John Losee, moved after the Revolution to Pittstown, then to Albany, and thence to Watertown, Jefferson County, New York.

He was allowed pension on his application executed September 11, 1833, then living in Watertown, New York. He died August 21, 1838.

The papers on file in this claim contain no discernible data relative to family.