

Pension Application for John Lynd

W.20549 (Widow: Huldah) Married May 1793, John died September 11, 1835.

State of New York

Rensselaer County

On this second day of January eighteen hundred and thirty three personally appeared in open court now sitting before the Recorder of the City of Troy in the Mayors Court now in Session John D. Lynd a resident of the County of Rensselaer aged seventy two years 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.

I entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein after stated.

In seventeen hundred and seventy eight on or about the 1st of September. I was ordered out and started from the town of Greenbush in the County aforesaid under Capt George Sharp, John Fonda Lieut and Jacob Elmendorf was orderly sergeant this deponent was appointed 2nd Sergeant about 3 days after entering the service. Stephen J. Schuyler was Col of the Regt, went across the north river to Albany and from thence to Schenectady and from their [there] to within four miles of a place called, Stone Arabia, where a draft took place and I was drafted and from this place, where immediately after the draft marched to Stone Arabia and laid their [there] and in the vicinity of the fort a few days, over three months. I was dischared [discharged] and returned home.

In the year seventeen hundred and seventy nine about the last of June was ordered out by Capt. George Sharp, who being sick Capt. Neil McClean took the command John Fonda, Lieut McManus Ensign, Henry K. VanRensselaer—was Col. Started from Albany, and marched to Schenectady from thence to Fort Hunter staid their about ten days, from thence to Fort Hunter staid their about ten days, from thence to Fort Fox staid about 6 days at this place form thence to small fort called Timmerman had at this place about one week form thence to Fort Walraught from thence to Fort House all these were small picket forts and from the last mentioned place I returned to Albany and deposited my arms, and equipments from the time.

That I started untill my return from the expiration was three months. The same year a few days after my return I was called out again under the same officers excepting that Capt George Sharp commanded the company started from Capt Sharp's in Greenbush marched through Lansingbergh the fore part of October & from thence to Half Moon across the North River to Fort Edward and continued their untill discharged which was two month[s] from the time we started untill discharged. At this place I had nothing to eat but Green Corn & pumpkins for two weeks.

In the year seventeen hundred and eighty In the month of June or July went on an expedition (under Capt. Shaw or Col. Shaw who had the command of the company) to the beaverdam for the purpose of bringing down about one hundred and fifty tories, this service took about three weeks- - Same year in the month of October under Capt.

George Sharp, John Fonda Lieut. Went on an expedition to [?] and lay on the east side of the river and continued there three weeks when I was discharged.

Shortly after my return the same year some time in November started under the same officers last mentioned from Albany up to Lansinburgh and laid their a few days marched from their of halfmoon same night recrossed the river and went to Speigle town were a fracas took place and two men were wounded one of whom died the next day. The next day recrossed the river and from there marched to Schenectady and where dischared [discharged] sometime in Dec. This term of service was about three weeks.)

In the year seventeen hundred and eighty one started from Greenbush & went to Stillwater under the same officers and continued there about three weeks or more Capt. Sharp at this place divided the company & about half of the company was called to some other place. I continued at Stillwater under Lieut John Fonda this was the last of my service.

1. I was born in the City of Albany on the first of Sept 1760.
2. I have a record of my age and it is written in a large bible in the possession of John T. Lynd in the town of Sand Lake.
3. I lived in the Town of Greenbush when called into service and have since lived in the town of sand lake and do now live in the town of Brunswick Rensselaer County.
4. I was ordered out in the first instance and afterwards drafted.
5. Has seen Gen. Gates & Gen. Arnold and other officers. But does not recollect any except Henry Norton that where stationed near him when in service.
6. I never received a written discharge.
7. I am personally acquainted with David Barringer, Martin Springer, Philip Kron, William Clark, who can bear testimony to my character as to truth veracity and honesty.

I hereby relinquish every claim to a pension or annuity except the present and I declare that my name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State. (Signed)
John Lynd

Sworn and Subscribed this 2nd day of January 1833. Henry r. Bristol, Clerk