

Pension Application for Joseph Mattice

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State of New York

Schoharie County SS.

On this sixth day of October 1836, personally appeared in open court, before the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas of said county now sitting Joseph Mattice a resident of the town of Schoharie in the County of Schoharie and State aforesaid now in the seventy third year of his age, 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 herein stated.

He went into the service as a substitute for his father John Jost Mattise, early in the spring of the year 1780, in Captain George Richtmyer's company in Col. Peter Vroman's regiment, at Schoharie, now Town of Middleburgh in said County. That it was early as the first of April of that year, for he recollects that it was in the season of making maple sugar. That he was in the service at different periods, during that year, as much as one third of the time as a substitute for the said John Jost Mattice, but to state the exact times that he entered and was discharged during the different periods of that years service he cannot; but that he is confident that it would amount to as much as one third of the time as aforesaid that he was discharged at the expiration of each period of service that year at what was then called the middle fort at Schoharie.

That in the spring of the year 1781, he entered the service in the same company and regiment as a substitute for his father John Jost Mattice but the number of days he was in the service at that time he does not recollect but thinks they were as many as fifteen and was then discharged at the garrison. That he had not remained out but a few days before he was called to service for himself in the same company and regiment but the exact numbers of days he then served he does not recollect but thinks as many as 10 days, that not long after he was discharged.

He entered the service again in the same company as a substitute for his father, and continued to serve alternately for himself and his father as much, he thinks, as two thirds of the time till as late as the middle of November of that year when he was discharged at the garrison.

That in the year 1782 he was again called into the service in the same company and regiment as early as the 20th of April of that year, and he served in said company and regiment during that year at different periods as much as one third of the time from the 20th of April to about the first of October of the year for he recollects that it was in sowing time that he was discharged but the exact length of each period of service he cannot state.

That during the time he was in the service he was employed in keeping garrison and scouting.

That he has no documentary evidence and that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure, who can testify to his services except the one whose affidavit he has procured.

He was born in the town of Schoharie now in the County of Schoharie and state aforesaid in the year 1764 according to the calculations he has kept of his age from the information he received of his parents.

That his age was recorded in The Dutch Reformed Church book in Schoharie, as he has been informed, which book was burnt at the time the parish house was burnt, and that he has therefore, no record of his age. That he was living in Schoharie now Town of Middleburgh in said County, when called into the service, that he now lives in the town and country of Schoharie and State aforesaid, where he was born and that he has always resided in said town and in the town of Middleburgh now in the county of Schoharie and state aforesaid.

That he entered the service as a substitute for John Jost Mattice and when he entered for himself he was ordered in. He cannot recollect the names of the regular officers; that there were no continental troops stationed at Schoharie for any length of time that he knows of –

That he never received a written discharge. That he is acquainted with the following persons in his present neighbourhood who he thinks can testify as to his character for veracity and of their belief of his services as a soldier of the revolution to wit: Goeroge Zimmer, William Becker, Jacob Becker, Peter Posson.

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.

And the reason why he did not apply before is because he had not found any one by whom he can prove his services until lately. (Signed with his mark) Joseph Mattice

Sworn and subscribed the day and year aforesaid in open court. A. A. Keyser, Clerk.