

Pension Application for John Merry

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Declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June 7, 1832.
State of New York SS

On this first day of October 1832 personally appeared before the Subscriber of record in the Court of Common Pleas of Oneida County, John Merry a resident of said county and state, aged seventy one 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 Kent Con in 1761. There was a record when he was born as he has heard of his aged. Lived at Pittsfield Mass., when called into service. Since war lived [in] Argyle, Paris, N.Y. now Boonville NY. Enlisted at Pittsfield Amass, in month of Just as he believes in 1781 I Capt Fords Col., Col. Brown s Regt for three months—and marched to Claverack N.Y. then to Albany and then to Schoharie, and was stationed at [the] Upper Fort and remained there till time nearly out & then went down to Middle fort commanded by a Maj. Woolsey of Continental army.

Attack on fort made by British said to be under command of Butler, Brandt Indian Chief & Sir Wm. Johnston [Sir John Johnson] and shortly after this deponent was discharged at Indian Castle on Mohawk River having served out his 3 months.

Enlisted at Pittsfield in June or July 1782 as he believes, under a Capt Nash for Three Months—and marched to Schoharie, and then to Fort Plain on the Mohawk River where he served his three months under Col. Marinus willet's command and received his discharge at Johnstown [Johnson] N.Y. Also served in several alarms as a volunteer after then—as much as one month is all proof he has.

Never rec'd any written discharge – refer to annexed affidavits as to his character & services.

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. Does not recollect any other continental officers—Col. Willet & his officers were known to this deponent then. (Signed with his Mark) John Merry

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid by making his mark. J. Hathaway, Judge of Oneida Com Pleas