

Pension Application for Christian Rynder or Rinder, Ryder, or Rider

R.8801 State of New York

City & County of New York SS.

On this Eleventh day of July one thousand eight hundred and forty three personally appeared before me Christian Rider a resident of the City of New York aforesaid aged eighty five years on the 15th of May last who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain he following declaration in order to obtain he benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed June 7, 1832.

That he first entered the service in the Militia under Captain Lansing in Colonel VanSchaick's Regiment. That afterwards in the spring of 1778 he enlisted and served under Captain Bleecker in Colonel Gansevoort's Regiment of the New York Line and served until his time expired which was the close of the war.

That for about six months before his time expired he was sick in the Hospital in Albany and that he enlisted in Albany County and that the Army was disbanded at the time he received his discharge. And this deponent never would nor intended to ask for a pension had not unforeseen circumstances made it necessary for his comfort in his old age.

That he has in his possession Continental money which he received for his services, but from old age, and loss of memory he cannot recollect all of his services as to what took place. He hereby relinquishes every claim to a pension whatever or an annuity except the present, and he declares that his name is not in the Pension Roll of any agency of any state.

That the company of Captain Lansing with which said Rider belonged, was at fort George and retreated before the army of Buyoine [Burgoyne] to Fort Edward fourteen miles distant. Retreated from that fort to Fort Miller. At Fort Miller in an engagement in a scouting party when he was loading his gun a ball struck the stock of his gun split it & struck it the barrel of the gun which saved him from being wounded—from fort Miller retreated to Saratoga & from there to Bemus Heights. At about two or three days from the surrender of Bergoun [Burgoyne], he was taken sick and sent to the rear of the army to Albany in a flat bottomed boat. (Signed with his mark) Christian Rider

Taken the day and year first above written before me. Robt Morris, Mayor of the City of New York.