

Pension Application for John Slouter

S.14481

Private, Captain Brewer, Co. VanCourtlandt, NY Line.

State of New York

Rensselaer County SS.

On the 15th day of July 1833, personally appeared before the undersigned a Justice of the Peace in and for the County aforesaid John Stouter, a resident of Nassau in said county who first being duly sworn according to law—doth on his oath say that on the 27th day of January 1830 he made a declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed, March 18, 1818 and that John Koon Esqr was his agent by whom he was given to understand that his application was approved but that previous to the issue of a certificate it was discovered that another man of a similar name and description of service was already drawing a pension while a distrust over both claims that payment would be suspended on both till the right of the matter could be ascertained. Since when this deponent has made diligent enquiry into the matter but cannot fully explain the facts in the case further than to say that he knew a soldier in the Revolutionary War who spelled his name John Sloughter who was a distant relation of his but that a difference existed in the spelling of the name which has existed in the different families for some generations and that he Sloughter resides in Dutchess County but that this deponent was born in Dutchess County but during the Revolutionary War resided at what was then called Kinderhook, now Chatham in Columbia County and Adjoining the place of his present residence. That he had resided in said Chatham and Nassau ever since before the Revolutionary War commenced and that he has resided in Nassau continually for the last forty five years.

That he has carefully reviewed said declaration and can discover no error therein except that in reaction to his age in which he thinks himself mistaken knowing of no family record to recur to and from discoursing with his brothers thinks that he is now seventy one years of age that he was born on the 15th of December 1761 at Amenia in Dutchess County New York, from whence removed to Kinderhook from said. That he distinctly recollects enlisting into the regular service a little before he was sixteen years of age.

And this deponent further says that in 1777 he was at Bennington battle, Fort Edwards, Fort Miller, Schenectady, Stone Arabia, Fort Stanwix, Albany, Dover & West Point.

In 1778 was at Albany, Fort Edward, Fort Miller, Canajoharie, Johnstown and places adjacent guarding forts, scouting &c.

In 1779 was at Albany for head quarters the company was employed as rangers traversing the adjacent or neighboring places was at Helderbergh, Freehold, [Saugharieck?] Claverack, & various other places during the summer and in the fall went up the Mohawk River to Fort Hunter & Fort Stanwix and in the winter went to Oneida Lake by Oswego piloted by an Indian who pretended friendship but led them into an ambush, had a skirmish & returned to Oswego and thence to Albany.

In 1780 was at West Point & thereabouts.

In 1781 was at West Point and served thereabouts till in the winter of 1782 about the first of January was taken sick, obtained a furlough and returned home & was not again called into service. Was on furlough some time in winter say generally about two months each year except when at Oneida Lake then served all winter. And this deponent further states that in the spring of 1776 about the first of May he entered the service in the militia under Capt. Henry & Lieutenant Richardson & Colonel VanSchaick, was employed as Rangers, head quarters at Albany and was dismissed the first of February 1777. (Signed with his mark) John Slouter

Subscribed & sworn to the day and year above written before me, John VanDeusen, Justice