

Pension Application for Christopher Snyder

S.14537

State of New York

County of Ulster SS.

On this 11th day of September in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and thirty two, personally appeared in open court before the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in and for such County, being a court of record for the County aforesaid having by law a seal and a clerk said court now sitting Christopher Snyder a resident of the town of Marbletown in said County of Ulster and State of New York aged seventy six 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 to wit.

That he first entered the service in the year 1776 in the New York Militia in a company commanded by Capt. Jacob Hoornbeck, Abraham Deyo was Lieutenant, the Regiment to which this deponent belonged during this service was commanded by Levi Pauling Colonel, Thomas Jansen Lieut Col. and a Major Logar – Deponent does not recollect his Christian name—said deponent entered the service at Kingston in said County of Ulster, and was ordered to Fort Montgomery—marched to Hudson River, and then went down by water—staid for a short time at Fort Montgomery, and was then ordered to Kingsbridge, where he went also by water—was stationed there and was presently ordered out as a guard to Fort Washington and also to Minisink in Westchester County. The regiment to which this deponent belonged was ordered up to White Plains in said County and said Deponent was there on duty when the battle was fought at that place—was in the Intrenchment—and was near one [Phenis?] when he was killed by a cannon ball from the enemy’s cannon—after said battle was taken with the the others as a guard by Gen. George Clinton, and was sent up to [Mudaries Creek?] to fetch a tent and marker—after this was done was ordered by said Gen. Clinton to his house between NewBurgh and New Windsor and remained there on guard till his time was expired, received no written discharge, but was discharged when his time was out—enlisted in this service for five months and served out said term—recollects Genl Scott in said service—Enlisted about Harvest and was discharged about New Year.

In the year 1777 was ordered out with the whole Regiment of Militia to which said deponent belonged to March to Saratoga in the said State of New York in order to stop the progress of Gen’l Burgoyne—said Deponent in this campaign served as Sergeant his officers were Jacob Hoornbeck Col., Cornelius E. Wynkoop Major, Joakim Schoonmacker Capt—marched up by land through Kingston, Catskill, Coxsackie, Albany and so on to Saratoga. Was ordered to the Battle Ground, and when one regiment came up, the British were repulsed, several cannon were taken by our men—was out in this service twenty one or twenty two days—don’t recollect any particular Gen’l officers came home the day before Kingston was burnt.—

In the same year was ordered out to Schoharie and Harpersfield which were on the frontier, South West from Albany, there was an alarm on account of an incursion of the Tories and Indians—was out two weeks, Albert Pawling was our Colonel—Adrian Wynkoop Major—John Hasbrouck was capt. – this was in Harvest of said year.

In the year 1779 volunteered when men were made up to go to Fishkill in Dutchess County for three months, his officers were John Brodhead Capt. [Oke Sudam?] Lieut—when the company arrived there were attached to a Regiment—called the Silver Grey’s commanded by Col. Zephaniah Platt served there for one month of said term and was then & there discharged, received no written discharge—was discharged in November—laid part of the time in the church—

Was ordered out to Delaware County to a place then called [Pahkatachkan?] now said [?] Delaware County, which was on our frontiers, and was very much exposed to the Indians and tories, and great damage and casualties were committed—was out scouting through that County four days exposed

to imminent danger from a cruel foe all the time. This was in the year 1778 when Johannis Rider was killed by the Indians—this was in the month of June—[?] a guard under Capt. Henry Pawling.

Then Warwasink was burnt by the Indians and Tories (also on our frontiers) was called out for 4 days in order to drive off the enemy. Served under Col. John Cantine, scouted out as far as the whole [?] in the Wilderness now in Sullivan County and then returned—this service was performed in August in said year—

And in answer to the interrogatories put to him by the court, as required by the War Department said applicant on his oath states

1st that he was born at Marbletown in Ulster County aforesaid on the 24th February 1756 –

2nd the record of his age is in the family Bible of his father which is now in his possession—

3rd that when called into service he was living at Marbletown aforesaid, has lived there since the Revolutionary War—and lives there now—

4th that he entered the service in said several services as a Volunteer (except when he served at Fishkill when he served as a substitute for Benjamin Low in the Silver Greys.—

5th that he can state the names of Genl George Clinton, with whom he served, but don't recollect the names of any other Continental or Militia Regiment or officers with whom he served.

6th that he never received a written discharge, that it was not the practice to give written discharges to Militia at that time—that after serving said several terms he was discharged by word of mouth.—

7th He would state the names of Andrew Snyder and Abraham Hardenbergh in his present neighborhood who can testify to his character for veracity—and their belief of his services as a soldier of the Revolution—the clergyman in his congregation being a young man lately settled in the same—

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. (Signed) Christ'r Snyder

Sworn to and Subscribed the day and year aforesaid—A. D. Soper, First Judge. Abm A.Deyo, John Jansen, Judges.