

Pension Application for Matthew St. John

W.16737 (Widow: Jemima) Married June 1, 1772. Matthew died June 28, 1836.

The names of Mathew & Geminay St. Johns Children.

Sarah St. John was born 18th day of Oct in the year of our Lord 1775, deceased 4th of August 1776.

Elizabeth St. John Was born 25th of July in the year of our Lord 1777.

Adam L. St. John was born 7th day of January in the year of our Lord 1780.

Jane St. John was born the tenth day of July in the year of our Lord 1782.

Polly St. John was born the 29th day of July in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and four.

Philemar Harcort was born in May the First 1787.

Phebe St. John was born in January 4th 1791.

Abbey St. John was born in Oct 11th 1793.

Hester St. John was born in May 30th 1797.

Weley St. John was born May 23th 1800.

Philenar St. John was born May 3th 1803.

State of New York

Albany County SS.

On this third day of September 1832 personally appeared before Joseph B. Moore a Judge of the County Courts of the County of Albany and State of aforesaid Mathew St. John a resident of the town of Westerlo in the County of Albany and State of New York aged 78 years and upwards 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.

He entered the said service in the year 1776 at the town of New Marlborough in the County of Ulster in the State of New York where he then resided as a private in the militia and served at different times and in different years from the year 1776 until the close of the Revolutionary War in an embodied corps more than one year, for which he claims a pension.

He belonged to Capt. Woods company part of the time and the other part in Capt. Stephen Case's Company, in Colonel Hasbrooks regiment and was called out and entered the said service, on alarms, and to go on scouts and was frequently classed and went for his class, from time to time, during each year during the said war. That he recollection has very much failed him and he cannot possibly particularize every time he was called out, and every place he served in. He recollects however that he was out at one time one month and went to Newburgh and there staid and kept guard at that time he was under Capt. Case and went to Fishkill on the East side of the Hudsons River, he staid at this time at least one month. At another time he recollects that he was out in the same service under Capt. Case and was marched to the west about 48 miles but does not know the particular place, and staid at least one month – the company were called out at this time to guard against the incursions of the Indians.

He was marched at another time under Lieut Mackey who belonged to Capt. Woods company, down to Haverstraw to keep guard, but does not know how long he staid at this time nor for what purpose he was called out.

He was frequently marched to Fort Montgomery at or near West Point where the said company generally kept their head quarters, and was dismissed the night before their Fort was taken—the next day after Fort Montgomery was taken he was again called out and was stationed on the bank of the river, but does not recollect how long he was in the service at this time, he was out on duty at the time the British Burnt Esopus.

He was so frequently called out to go into the said service that he cannot with any certainly describe each particular time and place, he was generally stationed in the Highlands, and along the river, and was down as low as Haverstraw in Rockland County, and a considerable time at Fort Montgomery

where he was in the said service and in this way he was in the said service more or less every year during the Revolutionary War, and he knows with absolute certainty that he was in actual service in an embodied corps, at least one year, and he thinks more as a private soldier.

He was in no battles and he never received a discharge & he has no documentary evidence nor does he know of any person he can procure to testify to his service except the persons who have made affidavits hereto annexed.

He resides 20 miles from the city of Albany where the courts of record for the County of Albany are held, that he cannot possibly travel that distance to attend the court. He has a very bad fever sore on one of his legs and has a bad rupture which troubled him very much and there it is wholly impossible for him to attend the court—he contracted disease while a soldier in the Army which as always disabled him from that time to this and is now extremely reduced in bodily health and is also very poor and dependant.

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) Matthew St. John.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid before me. J. B. Moore Judge of Albany County Courts.