

Pension Application for John Talday

R.10629

Declaration of John Talday in order to obtain the benefit of an Act of Congress of the 7th July 1832.

State of Illinois

McLean County SS

On this 4th day of March A.D. 1834 personally appeared in open Court before the honorable Judges of the Commissioners Court of said County now sitting—John Talday, a resident of the County & State aforesaid—aged 70 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 provision made by the Act of Congress passed July 7th 1832.

That he was born according to a family record kept by his mother in the month of Oct'r A.D. 1763 now the Town of Poughkeepsie, State of New York—where he resided till about the year 1776 when he removed with his Father to the neighborhood of Catskill or same State—where he continued to reside till after the close of the revolutionary war:--

That he volunteered in the service of the United States, to guard the frontiers, about the last of May or first of June in the year 1781, in Cap Sam'l Bo[tear]an's Company of Rangers or Spies. The names of the officers under whom he served were at follows. To wit—Cap Sam's Bowman, Lieut. Peter Loop, Ensign Jesse Allin—Orderly Sergt [blank] Scott.

That he volunteered in the Town of Catskill, to serve till the 1st of Jan. following, and immediately after was marched to the Town of Woodstock—when the Company were quartered Two or Three weeks—when they marched to a Block-house on the Hudson river—opposite the Town of Hudson.—After remaining Two or Three weeks at this post they marched to Scoduck [Schodack], a small town inhabited by Germans; thence after staying about the same length of time as at the aforementioned Posts—they marched back to Woodstock; and thus between the three Points—generally tarrying about Two or Three weeks a[t] each post, was about Thirteen miles.

That at the same time the Company to which he was attached was thus engaged in ranging—a similar Company commanded by Cap. James Harrison was also engaged in ranging between the points. That the Company Commanded by Harrison in passing around kept one post in advance of that commanded by Bowman.

That whilst thus engaged in ranging and passing from Scoduck to Woodstock, about the last of Sept. he assisted five others composing the left flank guard of said Company in taking three prisoners supposed to be spies.

That the arrival of the Company at Woodstock—a detachment was sent off who conducted said Prisoners to Cap. Harrison who, at this declarant believes, had then sent down the river—for further examination. No battles were fought, nor anything of importance transacted, by the company during his continuance in it.—

That about the 1st of Oct's (1781) he obtained from Cap. Bowman a Furlough for the period of sixty days—terminating at the expiration of the time for which he volunteered. To wit—on the last of Dec'r Previous to his obtaining such leave of

absence he enlisted in the regular army, under Cap. James Harrison—his services to commence on the 1st of Jany following—after returning home to his fathers, and spending the time limited in the furlough—he entered the regular service on the 1st of Jan 1782—under the following officers—to wit, Cap. James Harrison—Lieut Jesse Allin—Ensign Archibald Cammel [Campbell] Orderly Sergt [blank] Scott—The regiment to which he belonged was commanded by Col. [blank] Dubois.—Commanding Genl [Lee?].

That he entered the regular service at a Small Town, in the Mohawk river, two days march above Albany called Old [Odesego?] or [?] what the company to which he was attached, together with another commanded by Cap. [blank] Gray, remained quartered till, according to the best of his recollection, sometime in month following:-- when both companies marched down the river to Albany.—

After tarrying in Albany a short time—perhaps a week—the two companies entered a vessel and descended the Hudson to West Point—where they joined Cap. Dubois Company.

The three companies continued to be quartered t West Point till sometime in July—as he thinks from the circumstance of the [?] being engaged in reaping—at which time he obtained a discharge and returned home. He received the discharge from the hands of Orderly Sergt Scott—which has since been burnt in the destruction by fire of his Father's house.

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.

Questions propounded by the Court and the answers thereby.

1st Where and in what year were you born? I was born in the town of Pohghkeepsie [Poughkeepsie] State of New York in the month of Oct'r AD 1763.

2nd Have you any record of your age; & if so where is it? I have no record of my age—it was kept by my mother who died about 3? Years ago & know not what became of it.

3rd Where were you living when called into service; where have you lived since the revolutionary war, and where to you now live? When I entered the service I was residing in the neighborhood of Catskill New York—Where I continued to reside till about the year 1792—when I removed to Bradford County Pa. from thence I removed about the year 1818 to Fayette Co. Ohio. From thence in 1831 I removed to Tipacanoe Co., Indiana; and from thence in the spring of 32 I removed to my present place of residence which is on the Mackinaw, in this County.

4th How were you called into service; were you drafted, did you volunteer, or were you a substitute? Hired if a substitute for whom?—I first volunteered as a ranger to guard the frontiers –under Cap. Sam'l Bowman; after which I entered the regular service as an enlisted soldier – and served in that capacity from the 1st of Jan 1782 till sometime, I think in July following—when I was discharged.

5—State the names of some of the officers who were with the troops where you served; such Continental and Militia regiments as you can recollect, and the general

circumstances of your service? The names of the officers under whom I served as ranger men—Cap Saml Bowman-Lieut Peter Loop-Ensign Jesse Allin-Or. Sergt Scott.

In the regular army the officers in our company were Cap. James Harrison-Lieut Jesse Allin-Ensign Camel-Or Sergt Scott.

I do not recollect the names of any other officers in the Regt except Col. Dubois-Cap. Gray and Cap. Dubois-Cap Grtay and Cap Dubois.

I have no knowledge of any other Regt in the regular service, and the one to which I was attached—which I understood to be composed of the Three Companies – commanded by Captains Harrison, Gray and Dubois.

The general circumstances of my services, are as follows.

I entered the service as a ranger or spy about the last of May or forepart of June 1781 in Cap Bowman's Company—I served in this capacity till about the last of Oct'r following—when I obtained furlough for the rest of the time I volunteered, namely till the last of Dec'r. On the 1st of Year 1782 I entered the regular army, pursuant to enlistment made previous to leaving Cap. Bowman's Company, land served till sometime I think in July following.—I entered the regular army at a small town situated on the Mohawk called Old Oswago or Amega--& remained with them till spring when we marched to Albany & thence descended the Hudson to West Point—where I continued till discharged.

6th Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, if so, by whom was it signed and what has become of it? I received a discharge from my orderly Sergt (Scott) when I left the Army at West Point—but do not know by whom it was signed—not being able to rad. It was destroyed by fire in the burning of my Father's house.

7th State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood; & who can testify to your character for veracity, and their belief of your services as a solder of the revolution? William Evans, Wm Young, Lemuel Biggs Edward Wilcox & G. Bartholomew, are acquainted with me and can testify as to my character &c. (Signed with his mark) John Talday

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid, before me. Isaac Baker, clk of County Com'n Court