

Pension Application for John Terry

R.10465

State of New York

Suffolk County SS

On this twenty seventh day of May in the year 1834 personally appeared in open court, before the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in and for the County of Suffolk aforesaid, now sitting, John Terry, a resident of the town of Southampton, in said County and State, aged eighty one 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.

Paul Reeve, Captain; John Corwin and Joshua Benjamin Lieutenants, Josiah Smith, Colonel.

That he entered the service on the first day of March in the year 1776 in the Company commanded by Captain Paul Reeve, aforesaid, for the term of six months, and was duly discharged from the same on the first day of September or soon after, then next ensuing.

That at the time he entered the said service he was residing at a place called Bating Hollow, in the Town of Riverhead, kin said County of Suffolk.

That he was drafted into said Company. That in a few day s after his being drafted, he marched with said company on towards the West end of Long Island. He thinks they marched about one third of the distance and then took conveyance on board a sloop and arrived soon after at Brooklyn, New York.

That the distance, in the whole, was about eighty miles. That in and near Brooklyn his company was stationed until the Battle on Long Island in August then next following. He was employed in standing guard and assisting in marking fortifications until said battle. That he was engaged in said battle, near Brooklyn, kin the month of August 1776, saw General Washington, Putnam, Sullivan and Lord Sterling there. Was stationed in sight of Lord Sterling's Regiment and recollects well how said Regiment was hemed or enclosed in by a large creek or stream of water on one side and the British forces on the other.

That he assisted in collecting the rails and other materials for the fires made on the evening of the defeat of the American Army, and was one of the soldiers that are treated by order of General Washington off of the Island to the City of New York and thence across the Hudson River to New Jersey.

That after remaining in the neighborhood of Hoboken a day or two the company to which he was attached again returned into the City of New York at or near a place called Greenwich Village.

That he was duly discharged together with the whole company in the City of New York on or soon after the first of September 1776. It was before the City was abandoned and taken possession of by the British. That he proceeded homeward by taking passage to a place called Rye, about thirty miles from the said City, and from

thence by water to his home at Bating Hollow, aforesaid. That he regularly served full six months in said company and was duly discharged by Captain Paul reeve aforesaid. That he was obliged to take the route, he did, home, by reason of the enemy's having possession of the Western part of Long Island.

That all the soldiers discharged in New York at that time and residing near his neighborhood, he believes returned through some part of the State of Connecticut and for the reason above stated.

That he was born at Mattituck in the County of Suffolk aforesaid in the year 1753. That he resides with his son and that the record of his age is at home. That since the Revolution he has resided in the Town of Southampton.

That he has no documentary evidence in his possession respecting his said service, and that the persons who could testify to his said service are at this time dead as he believes and is informed.

That he is acquainted with the Reverend William Benjamin, Jonathan Robinson, and Nathaniel Farming and William Griffing, who can testify to his character for veracity, and their belief of my services as a soldier of the Revolution.

I hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declare that my name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state.

Sworn and subscribed in open court the day and year aforesaid. (Signed) John Terry

Attest--Joseph R. Hunting, Clk

Letter in folder dated March 26, 1936, written in response to an inquiry.

You are furnished herein the record of John Terry as found in the papers on file in pension claim, R.10465, based upon his service in the Revolutionary War.

John Terry was born in 1753 in Mattituck, Suffolk county, New York; the names of his parents are not stated.

The date and place of soldier's marriage and name of his wife are not shown.

John Terry applied for pension May 27, 1834, while living with his son, whose name was not given, in Southampton, Suffolk County, New York. He stated that while residing at a place called Bating Hollow, in the Town or Riverhead, in Suffolk County, New York, he enlisted March 1, 1776, served as private in Captain Paul Reeve's company, Colonel Josiah Smith's New York regiment, that he was in the battle of Long Island and in the retreat from that place and was discharged September 1, 1776. It is not shown that he ever served as captain. His claim was not allowed as proof of service of six months was not established in accordance with the requirements of the pension law.

The date of death of John Terry is not on record in this office.