

Pension Application for John Youngs or Young

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State of New York

County of Suffolk SS:

On this Eighteenth day of November in the year one thousand eight hundred and Thirty four before me David Warner, a Judge of the Court of Common Pleas, in and for the County of Suffolk aforesaid, personally appeared John Youngs, a resident of the Village of Oysterponds in the Town of Southold in the said County of Suffolk and State of New York, aged seventy four 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 Viz.

In the month of May of the year 1776 he voluntarily enlisted for six months in a company of Militia commanded by Captain Joshua Youngs; [blank] Roberts, First Lieutenant; [blank] Hicks, 2nd Lieutenant, and Jeremiah King, orderly sergeant.

At the time of enlistment he resided at Oyster ponds aforesaid. L A short time after the company was called and deponent went with it to Brooklyn, at the West end of Long Island. They went by water in the Slop Fox, Captain Webb. The company as in what was called the Easter Long Island Regiment, commanded by Colonel Josiah Smith.

He was present at Brooklyn and was in the lines when they were attacked by the British while there he assisted in fortifying and defending the American position. Previous to the engagement he was a part of the time quartered at Flatbush. At Brooklyn Deponent saw Generals Washington, Gates, Sullivan, Putnam and Lord Sterling.

General Washington rode along the lines and commanded them to reserve their fire until the British should get near by—He assisted in cutting down a great part of a valuable orchard to fill up and close a gap or open space in the Breast Works.

The same night the American Army retreated off of Brooklyn and he went with his company over to New York—staid in New York one night then went over Kigs bridge (so called) to WestChester—then to Norwalk (Connecticut) then across the Long Island Sound to Southold. Staid at Southold a few days then again crossed the South of SayBrook where those privates that followed were informed by Captain Joshua Youngs that they would receive pay for the whole time they enlisted for –apart of the privates after their arrival back at Oysterpond (Southold) did not follow their officers to Saybrook.

From Saybrook the company proceeded to New Haven—Deponent went with them and there served out his full term of six months with Captain Youngs under Colonel Livingston—at New Haven Deponent saw Commissary John franks, Major [blank] Benjamin—The officers occupied General Worcester's Store and the privates hired an old wooden house and occupied it.

While at New Haven Deponent assisted in standing guard, and was exercised every day with his company—

The precise day of Deponent's entering the service and his leaving the same is onto recollected, but it was a day in May and in November that will; give full six months of service.

Deponent never entered the service under more than one engagement. He enlisted at his native place, Oysterpond in the Town of Southold in the County of Suffolk aforesaid, in a Volunteer private soldier. Deponent has now stated all the important particulars relating to his service within his recollection.

Deponent was born in the said Town of Southold on the eighteenth day of January 1760 as appears by the Record in the family Bible now in his possession.

He has always resided in the Town of Southold aforesaid ever since he was born except—when in the service above mentioned.

Immediately after his discharge at New Haven he returned across the sound to Southold where he has resided ever since.

Deponent is acquainted with Jonathan Vail, Noah Racket, Jonathan Truman, Reverend Jonathan Hunting, Joseph Jerry Esqr, and Colonel Jeremiah Moore all of the Town of Southold aforesaid who live near him, have long known him and can testify as to his character for veracity and as to their belief of his services in the war of the Revolution. The two former were in the said service with him for at least the period of five months and also know of his service previous in the company into which they enlisted Commanded by Captain Joshua Youngs aforesaid.

Deponent resides about twenty seven miles from the Court House at Riverhead where the nearest court of Record is held, and he is old and infirm, has not been for many years far from his house and is unable to go to Riverhead for the purpose of making this declaration in open court.

Deponent does not recollect of ever having a written discharge.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except he present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state, and he has never applied for nor received a pension. (Signed) John Youngs

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year above mentioned. David Warner one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in and for Suffolk County.