

Pension Application for Solomon Creel

R.2479

State of Pennsylvania

Luzerne County SS.

On this ninth day of April AD 1835 personally appeared in open court before the Judges of the Court of said County now sitting Solomon Creel a Resident of Falls township in the County of Luzerne and State of Pennsylvania aged eighty two years who first being 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 7th 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following name officers and served as herein stated he entered the service of a drafted Malitiaman for three months. At Marbletown Ulster County State of New York (where he was born 1753) under Capt. Frederick Schoonmaker on the first of April 1776 and was attached to Gen. Cantine's Brigade marched down to Ramapough in pursuit of the cowboys from there marched down to West Point and burnt [?] Buildings and then returned home after being discharged he entered the service again in the beginning of April AD 1777 as a drafted malitiaman under Capt. Schoonmaker for three months as was stationed on the frontiers along the Delaware or Neversink in the State of New York to guard the inhabitants from the Tories and Indians and had for our guide to celebrated Oneida Indian Capt. John. At the expiration of this tour he done a tour of duty in the same [?] and under the same officers as a substitute for Andrew Hamilton he things for three months but in consequence of loss of memory he cannot recollect the precise time returned home in October 1777 after being discharged on the first of April 1778 he entered at Marbletown Ulster County State of New York for nine months under Capt. Weisenfelt a son of John Weisenfelt and was marched to Coln Weisenfelt Regiment and marched to West Point and was stationed at different places along the North River and returned to west Point and was discharged the first of January 1779 returned home enlisted again in the fore part of April 17779 at Marbletown under Capt. John Haardenberg for nine months and was attached to Coln Dubois Regiment at this time he enlisted for nine months but the officers told him they could detain him during the war and he remained in the service until the British evacuated New York under the last mentioned enlistment he marched form Marbletown Ulster County and State of New York to Esopus which place had been burnt about 18 month previous form there marched to West Point. Remained there some time and marched to Fort Montgomery from there to Stony Point and assisted in retaking Stony Point which was done in the knight we remained here some time and marched to Bergin [Bergen] in the edge of New Jersey returned to Haverstraw and remained through the winter.

Next spring of 1780 was stationed along the lines during the season to keep the Tories from supplying the British wintered at Gallow Hill in State of New York Next Spring 1781 marched into the edge of New Jersey returned to Stony Point from there marched to fort Montgomery where we wintered next spring 1782 was again stationed along the lines at different places and was down into Jersey to Bulls Ferry & Powlers hook returned and wintered at Haverstraw in the State of New York thinks he was

under Capt. Hardenberg & Coln Dubois at this time in the spring of 1783 was again stationed along the line to cut off the communication between the Tories and British and in the fall marched down to New York and a few days after the British evacuated Ne York and we march in and took possession by order of General Washington a short time after the troops were disbanded and I received a written discharge from Capt John Hardenberg in the City of New York in December 1783 my discharge I have lost I have no record of my age I have no documentary evidence nor do I know of any living witness that can testify to my services recollects of being under Lieut Abraham Hardenberg and Major Townsbury after the close of the war lived in the State of New York about forty years then moved to Pennsylvania and have lived in Luzerne County for the last seven years. During the fore mentioned tours was not engaged in any civil pursuit there is no clergyman with whom he is acquainted residing in his neighborhood. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that her name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state. (Signed with his mark) Solomon Creel

Sworn to and subscribed in open court the day and year aforesaid. H. Pettebone, Prot