

Pension Application for John Cruver

S.22707

State of New York

Orange County SS.

On this twelfth day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty four personally appeared in open court before the Judges of the Court of common Pleas in and for the Court of Common Pleas in and for the County of Orange now sitting as a court of record John Cruver a resident now of the Town of Crawford in said County of Orange and State of New York aged about seventy four 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 7th 1832."

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers, and served as herein stated.

That in the fore part of the year 1777, he entered the service of the United States as a soldier of the militia, as a minute man, that he then resided in the Town of Handover in Ulster County but which is now the Town of Crawford in Orange County, that he served one fortnight at Fort Montgomery on the Hudson river that _____ Gillespie was his major the officers of the company he does not now recollect.

That in the fall of the same year he served again another fortnight as a minute man at Fort Montgomery aforesaid and was there at the taking of the Fort by the British forces, but he escaped in the night and was not taken a prisoner that during this time _____ Johnson was his captain the other officers of his company he does not now recollect. Col. McLauray was that time Colonel of the ridgement [regiment] to which he belonged.

That during the same fall he served again a fortnight at Murdnerns Creek at the head of the Highlands on the Hudson as a minute man on what was their termed "fatigue duty", that at this time he cannot recollect any of the officers names.

That in the month of March in the year 1667 he was again in the service as a minute man for about ten days at West Point on the Hudson river. That his officers names at this time not recollected.

That during the same year he was called into service again a fortnight at Manakating in the then County of Ulster now Sullivan as a minute man and was engaged in defending the inhabitation from the invasions of the Indians it being a frontier place names of his officers not now recollect[ed].

That in the month of February in the year 1779, he enlisted into company of which Timothy Sullivan was captain and Andrew Taylor was Colonel, for one year and was first ordered to rendezvous in the same month at Newburgh in Orange County on the Hudson River and that from thence he was transferred across the Hudson river to Fishkill in Dutchess County and was attached to the Waggon service that he was sent up the river toward Albany for the purpose of connecting horses and obtaining those that had been idle during the winter for the purpose of recruiting that he returned with the horses to Fishkill aforesaid, that he was engaged during the year in conveying

provisions to the American Army which during that time lay at Peekskill and along the Hudson River. That he served during the above term of one year as enlisted as aforesaid in the wagon department, and was discharged at Fishkill aforesaid in the latter part of the month of February in the year 1780. That he received a written discharge from an officer whose name he cannot now recollect and that his discharge has since been lost.

That in the spring of the year 1780 he was again called into the service in the militia as a minute man and served a fortnight at Mamakating aforesaid under Lieutenant Joseph Crawford his other officers' names not now recollected.

That during all the terms of service above mentioned this deponent resided in the then Town of Handover Ulster County, now the town of Crawford, Orange County, and [?] duty this deponent lived at that place.

That this deponent was in no battles during the times of his service except the battle at fort Montgomery above mentioned and that he can recollect the names of no other officers than those above mentioned.

That this deponent knows of no person but James McHenry who can testify to his services and he only in part.

That his neighbours among whom are William Elder and John A. Carpenter who knows that in the neighbourhood where this deponent lived that he is reputed to have been a soldier in the revolutionary war and served as above stated.

That there are no clergyman near him who is acquainted with his reputed service.

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 with his mark) John Cruver

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid in open court. Asa Dunning, Clerk