

**Pension Application for John Greatsinger, Gratesinger, Critsinger or Christsinger**  
R.4233

Declaration. In order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress of June 7, 1832.  
State of New York  
County of Ulster SS.

On this fifteenth day of September in the year one thousand eight hundred and forty, personally appeared John Gratesinger in Open Court at a Court of Common Pleas held in the town of Kingston in the County of Ulster and State of New York a resident of the town of Marbletown in the County of Ulster and State of New York aged seventy six 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 June 7, 1832.

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

1. That he was born in the State of New Jersey in the town of freehold in the County of Monmouth in the year 1764.

2. That he has no record of his age.

3. That when he was called into service he resided in the town of Kingston now Esopus, in the County of Ulster and State of New York.

4. That he was a substitute for his father Christian Gratesinger & also volunteered into the service of the United States. That he also was hired by a class, some of whom he remembers viz Matthew Massacre, William Litts, John beaver, Joshua Palmer, Joseph Skinner, & Elias D. Garnes.

That since the the [sic] war he has lived in the town of Mexico in the County of Oswego for the space of eighty years and that he now lives in the town of Marbletown in the County of Ulster—also before resided in Marbletown.

That he never received a discharge from the service, but was verbally dismissed at the end of the service by the commanding officers.

And the said John Gratesinger declares that in the fall of the year 1778 he served as a substitute for his father Christian Gretsinger now dead for the term of Two months as a private soldier in two separate companies of infantry commanded by Captains Levi DeWitt and Snyder and stationed at Little Shandaken now in the town of Woodstock at Isaac Davis and Peter Winne's was verbally discharged from each service and has no documentary evidence thereof.

That in the fall of the year 1779 he served as a volunteer for a class for the term of two months as a private soldier in the militia company commanded by Captain Evert Bogardus of Kingston and quartered at Fishkill in the County of Dutchess, that this service commenced in the fall and ended in December, and was verbally discharged at Fishkill and has no documentary evidence thereof.

That in the year 1780 he served as a volunteer for a class for the term of seven months as a private in the company of Infantry commanded by Captain Henry Pawling, stationed at [?] Shandaken at Jacob Longyears in the picket fort about his house, he remembers that Johannis Rider was killed at this time by the Indians, that

Col. Pawling commanded that he was also discharged from this service verbally & has no documentary evidence thereof.

That in the year 1782 he served as a volunteer for a class for the term of Two months as a private in the company commanded by Captain Hardenbergh stationed at the house of John Kittle which he assisted to fortify, that he had only a verbal discharge and has no documentary evidence thereof.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity, except the present, and he declares that his name is not on the pension Roll of any agency in any state.

And he further states as a reason for his not applying sooner for a pension that he once before applied to Duval Brodhead Esq of the village of Kingston to procure his pension and was informed by him that he could not procure it as he was not on such indigent circumstances as the pension Law then required the applicants to be.

And that since the passage of the act of 1832 while living at Mexico in the County of Oswego eh applied to Mr. McCarty who was then engaged in procuring pensions, but was informed by him that he could not obtain it without such proof as was therein out of his power to procure he then living about two hundred & fifty miles from the place where his witness resided. (Signed with his mark) John Gratesinger

Sworn and subscribed the day and year aforesaid. Samuel Stilwell one of the Judges of Ulster County Court. Jacob Snyder Judge & John VanBuren first Judge &c.