

Pension Application for John Harrington or Herrington

R.4640

[This deposition was subscribed by someone unfamiliar with the names and places in New York and probably the applicant had a heavy accent as well.]

State of Illinois

County of Knox SS.

On this ninth day of November AD 1841, personally appeared in open court, before the Circuit Court in and for the County of Knox are State of Illinois now sitting John Harrington a resident of Knox County and State of Illinois aforesaid of the age of seventy seven years the eighth day of last February who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath obtain the following declaration passed June the 7th AD 1832.

That eh entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated. That he the said John Harrington served under General Schuyler, Colonel Livingston [Livingston] from Livistons Manner [Livingston Manor] N. York, Captain McGee, LeftYenant [Lieutenant] Bloodgood, Ensign Fundy.

That the said [looks like affiant] applicant entered the services in the first part of May—but in what year he cannot recollect only that it was the year in which fort Ann and fort George was taken at which time he lay at fort Edwards [Edward] and that he left the services in the month of November of the same year.

That the said applicant resided in Ranseller [Rensselaer] County in the town of Schodoct [Schodack] State of New York at the time he entered the service.

That the said [affiant] applicant was a volunteer. That he was not engaged in any balles [battles] but was hearing of two, one at the time that fort Ann was taken and the other when fort George was taken.

That this affiant after he entered the services first marched form Ranseller [Rensselaer] County to Fishkill and from then marched down the east side of the river to the Highlands and after slaying [staying] a short time at the place last mentioned was taken back to fort Edward—by water on a schooner as far as Albany—and from then marched to fort Edward.

That his affiant cannot remember the rigiments [regiments] or companies with which he served.

That this affiant after returning to fort Edward as aforesaid lay there during the remainder of his service.

That there were two companies at fort Edward that summer and in both companies there were one hundred and seventy or eighty men to the best recollection of this affiant.

And that this affiant after he left fort Edward marched to Saratoga and was then discharged and that he has no documentary evidence and that he knows of two persons by whom he can prove his service if they were hear [here] one of whom is Philip Philips who now resides in Uper [Upper] Canada and the other Mrs. Hannah Landers who also resides in Uper Cannada [sic].

That during the time above specified he was not engaged in civil pursuit and that he the said affiant relinquished 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 Harrington

Sworn to and subscribed this day and year aforesaid in open Court. S. A. Douglas Judge 5th Ju Cc. Ill. [Judicial Circuit Court of Illinois?]

Letter in folder dated September 21, 1917. Written in response to an inquiry.

In response to your letter dated the 17th instant, you are advised that in the papers in the Revolutionary War pension claim R.4,640 it is alleged that John Harrington was born February 8, 1764, in Poughkeepsie, New York, and while residing at Greenbush (3 miles from Albany), or at Schodack, Rensselaer County, New York, enlisted in May, the year fort Ann was taken in Captain Magee's Company, Colonel Livingston's Regiment, New York Troops, and served until the following November.

He applied for pension November 9, 1841, while a resident of Knox County, Illinois, which was not allowed as he did not furnish sufficient proof of six months service as required by the Act of June 7, 1821, under which he applied. In 1841 he referred to his son then living in Upper Canada, his name is not stated, and there is no other family data on file in the claim.