

Pension Application for Frederick Quont

S.23856

Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed 7th June 1832.
State of New York
County of Oneida SS.

On this twentieth day of July in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty three, personally appeared before me John P. Sherwood one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in and for the said County of Oneida, Frederick Quont of the town of Verona in said County of Oneida aged seventy one years, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain he 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 March 1776 this deponent resided in the town of Schoharrie [Schoharie] (now called Knox) in Albany County, State of New York, and enlisted into the service as a private soldier in the Militia for four months under Captain John Price, the name of the Colonel of the Regiment deponent has forgotten), marched to Albany, then part of the company went to Saratoga, and this deponent, and deponent went with that part to Saratoga, went to Saratoga [sic] for the purpose of getting a field piece out of the North river which Burgoyne had sunk, tarried there three weeks, from thence marched to Fort Miller and all were employed in rafting boards down the river to Saratoga for building and deponent continued at Fort Miller and Saratoga until the expiration of the time for which this deponent enlisted, at the expiration of which time this deponent, together with the company were all marched back to Albany and discharged.

Deponent volunteered and again entered the service in March 1777 as a private soldier in a company commanded by Sergeant, William Bromley to guard the Middle Fort in Old Schoharrie, Schoharrie County (NY) served at said Fort three months.

Then enlisted again into Captain Isaac Bogarts company under Col. John Harper for nine months, and marched from Schoharrie to Fort Hunter, staid there one day, from thence to Fort Plains, tarried there one night, thence crossed the Mowhawk [Mohawk] River to Stone Robby, tarried there one day, from thence to Fort House (now called Palentine) [Palatine] where the Regiment met, tarried there over night, from thence to Fort Herkimer, tarried there over night, from thence marched to Fort Standwix [Stanwix] at Rome, Oneida County (NY) to relieve Col. Garnesvort [Gansevoort] while marching to Fort Standwix and about four miles above Herkimer was attacked by the British Indians, we killed one indian and wounded one, served in the Fort at Rome until at the expiration of the nine months, thence marched back to Schenectady and was discharged, at the time of the skirmish with the Indians spoken of the company of this deponent were relieved by Col. Weysenfelt, after being discharged deponent returned home, and again volunteered and entered the service under the said Captain Groat, to guard the three Forts at Schoharrie, sometimes a lieutenant was placed over the soldiers at said Forts, Col. Butler (Christian name

forgotten) with his Virginia Riflemen commanded the Middle Fort, after Col. Butler went with the soldiers to the west to drive off the Indians the Middle Fort was left in charge of Col. Peter Seely deponent served in said forts at this time as a volunteer four months and fourteen days, deponent had a written discharge for the nine months service given by Col. John Harper, but has lost the same, and deponent since the act of 1832 was passed, has made diligent search for said discharge but is unable to find it. Deponent cannot write or read writing but has kept in his memory the length of time that this deponent served, making in all that this deponent served as such private soldier in said service as aforesaid one year, eight months, and fourteen days for which services this deponent claims a pension.

Deponent was born in 1762 in the town of Schoharrie (now called Knox) in the County of Albany N.Y. and went into the service, as a private soldier in the Militia.

Deponent has no record of his age, has since the Revolutionary War lived in Knox, Albany County, NY in Schenectady County N.Y. the County of Oneida N.Y. and now resides in Verona, Oneida County, N.Y.

Deponent does not know of any person by whom deponent can prove his services by except John Schoolcraft residing in the County of Albany, deponent thinks he can prove the four months service by said School craft and deponent has caused a letter to be written to said Schoolcraft to ascertain the fact, and deponent also thinks he can prove some of his services at the upper Fort in Schoharrie by Lawrence School craft, as deponent well recollects of seeing said Lawrence in the army at that Fort.

Deponent is acquainted with David F. Hess lately a postmaster in said town of Verona and William Peckham a Justice of the Peace of said town of Verona and William Peckham a Justice of the peace of said town [town] of Verona in the County of Oneida who deponent believes can testify to deponents character for truth and veracity and belief of services and age.

But deponent is not acquainted with any Clergyman In said Town of Verona or adjacent thereto, that deponent before removing from the County of Albany was attached to & belonged to the Dutch Reformed Church, and there being no such church or persuasion of the kind in the county in which deponent resides, and deponent believing in no other order of people, has not attended the meetings nor become acquainted with any minister since deponents removal to Oneida County; and deponent on account of old age & bodily infirmity is unable to appear in court to present his claim for a pension.

And deponent further saith that it is attended with too much trouble and expense for this deponent to produce in court the said David F. Hess and William Peckham, that deponent has no means of procuring any conveyance or hiring said Hess and Peckham to attend court, but is dependent on the charity of his friends for support.

That deponent hereby relinquishes every claim 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) Frederick Quont

Subscribed and sworn to this 20th day of July 1833 before me John P.
Sherwood Judge of Oneida Com Pleas.