

State of New York
Montgomery County, N.Y. On this 20th day of September 1832
personally appeared the defendant herein the undersigned of the County of
Columbia, for the said County, now sitting & the said
a resident of the town of Palatine in the County of Madison aged
Squire John Miller the father of the said defendant who being
first duly sworn according to law, hath made and doth make
the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the
act of Congress passed June 1832 that he entered the service
of the United States during the late Revolutionary war in the
militia of the State of New York
& served in said State - viz: - about the 15th Sept 1776 he
entered the service in the company of Henry Jerome Miller
was Captain of a company of 100 men called the 1st Regiment
& Cornelius Bond's Division of said Company in the
Regiment of which Robert Van Rensselaer was the Colonel
Richard Van Epstoune Major & John Van Allen was
Lieut. of said Regiment - he served in said Company
for six weeks with the service about the first of
Sept 1776 - that he had entered said Service he
served in the town of Clarkstown New County of Columbia
in said State - that he entered the service of the
United States in said Company from Clarkstown the 5th of Nov 1776
that he calls the same by another name 5th Nov 1776
made a prisoner there & he spent in guarding the King's men
at White Tavern - there was a Continental Regt at White
Tavern at the time but cannot now remember what Regt
cannot remember nor does he remember the names of any
of the Continental officers then at White Tavern - about the
1st of November 1776 he left said Service & returned
home to the said six weeks service for which he volunteered
having expired -

about the 27 or 28 of May 1777 he volunteered again
as a private for six months in the same Company & Regt
of which the same officers before named commanded
the said six months service he served the last of November
in first of Dec 1777 that when he entered last
mentioned service he resided at Clarkstown in the County
of Columbia - that during said service he was in the
he was in the City of York when he surrendered to the
British at Saratoga when he surrendered to the
British at Saratoga - that he was at Saratoga repeated, Col
Benedict Arnold's General Schuyler & Cate - that when
the battle was made in said Campaign from Claverack
where he entered to White Hall he fought with the American
Army under the command of the British who were
retreating to Half Moon Point on the Hudson River
the battle with Burgoyne was had when he surrendered
& shortly after retreated from his six months service
having expired -

that about the first of August 1778. he again volunteered
into the service of his Country for three Months into the
Company where one Staelt (who Christian he had for a gallant
was, Capt. & he cannot bring his recollection the names of
the other Company officers of said Company - that he
has forgotten the names of the officers of the Regiment
to which said Company belonged - that he resided at
Clairmont as aforesaid when he entered last mentioned
service - that during said three Months service he
marched from Claverack aforesaid to Cherry Valley
where there was a Continental Regiment that was
by whom commanded or officered he cannot say -
that at the expiration of said three Months he returned
home & left the service about the first of November
1778.

that about the first of August 1779. he again volunteered
as a private in the Company where James Van
Allen was Captain - one Van Deusen was Lieutenant
James Warrant 2^d Lieutenant in the Regiment
Commanded by Col. Abraham Van Orsdel Philip
Van Alstine 2^d Colonel & Isaac Gaer Major of said
Regt. for four Months - he served said four Months
& left said last mentioned service after the middle
of December having served rather more than said
four Months when he left went home - that he
resided at Kinderhook in the New County of Columbia
when he entered said last mentioned service - that
during said four Months service he marched from
Kinderhook in said Company to the Fish Creek where
the Company was discharged (as he understood)
by Genl. Washington whom he then served with the
American Soldiers, near West Point -

that about the first of Sept. 1780. he volunteered
again as a private in the Company where Jeremiah
Miller was Captain James Warrant was Lieutenant
Abraham Van Orsdel was Colonel of the Regt to
which said Company belonged, Isaac Gaer was Major
thereof - that he resided in Town of Kinderhook when he
entered last mentioned service for eight weeks - that
his Company marched from Kinderhook to Albany
thence to Schenectady thence to the Town of Pittsford
where he was in the skirmish or battle a month for
John Johnson & Col. Brandt commanding the British
Soldiers & Indians - that Col. Van Rensselaer commanded
the American forces & that he left the last mentioned
service about the first of November 1780 when he
had served at least eight weeks as last aforesaid -

that about 15th Sept 1781. he again volunteered for
three weeks in the Company which of Service. Ben Allen was
Capt. - one Ben Beaman was Lieutenant - Isaac Thompson
second Lieutenant. in the Regt of Col. John Jay. Alstine
to keep Philip Van Alstine was 2^d Co. of the same Regt
Major for three weeks - that he served said three
weeks - & left said last mentioned Service about the
eight day of October 1781. that during said three weeks
he served said Company in which he was as a private
marched from Kinderhook where he resided when
he entered said last mentioned Service, to a place then
called the Holler Barrack - when said three weeks
Service had expired he returned home - saw no Continental
or State officers during said last Service - except as aforesaid
and that as a soldier they he served in Capt. - Isaac Van Allen
Company as a private from the first of November 1781
to the end of the war of the Revolution, excepting three
months each winter in each Year - that is he believes
has no doubt that he served each month from said
first of November 1781. to the Year 1783 or thereabout
mostly days (excepting three winter months each
Year) that Ben Beaman was Lieutenant & Isaac
Thompson 2^d Lieut of said last mentioned Company -
in the Regt. which of Benjamin Van Alstine was Col.
& Col. Philip Van Alstine, & Isaac Galt Major thereof
that during said last mentioned Service he was marched
with said Company to which he belonged in about the
new County of Columbia, that he saw during
said Service at or near Kinderhook in the said
new County of Columbia, Col. Galt with Schuyler
with some forces & Soldiers - saw there other
Continental officers (he thinks) but cannot name
any - & also during said last mentioned Service
he went several times from Kinderhook
to Albany towards the end of the war - that he
left said last mentioned Service when hostilities
ceased, he thinks sometime in the Year 1783 -

and in answer to the interrogations of the Court, he
says - he was on the 15th day of Sept 1759
that he has no record except a copy of a record of his
age which is in Court - that he lived at Clabrook
Kinderhook in the new County of Columbia when
called into Service - that since the Revolutionary
war he has resided where he now resides in the said
County of Montgomery - that he served as a volunteer
that he saw at Saratoga where he served Col. Arnold
Gault Schuyler & Gates - that he saw Genl. Washington
at the Fish Creek near West Point when he served &
was marched there from Kinderhook - that he saw

Genl Van Klauzelac who he served & was ordered
 to the town of Palatine where the Germanish or what
 was called a regiment of the 1st Regt of the Col. Prantz
 that he cannot further state the circumstances of his
 service, than he has stated in his foregoing declaration
 & statement - and, nor knows whether he was
 discharged if he did must have lost the same
 that he is known to Nicholas Shultz & his wife, neighbors of
 his who can testify as to his character for the society &
 their belief of my service has a Soldier of the Revolution
 that no Clergyman resides in his vic. Solon town
 that he has no documentary evidence that he knows of
 he can except that my service those testimony he can give
 can testify to his service - he kindly silent upon every circumstance
 to a Pension or annuity except the present situation that his name
 is not on the Pension Roll of the Agency of New York State
 Henry Schram evidence of his service, & therefore annexed
 I was & subscribed this 20th day of Sept 1834

— day of Sept 1834 before me
 in Open Court Geo. D. Ferguson, Clerk
 The Nicholas Shultz & his wife, residents of the Town of Palatine
 County of Montgomery State of New York hereby certify that
 we are well acquainted with John Schram who had subscribed
 his name to the above declaration - that we last saw him to be
 about seventy three years of age - that he is reputed to have been in
 the neighborhood where he resides to have been a Soldier of the
 Revolution & that we believe in that opinion - that said John
 Schram's name is not on the Pension Roll of the Agency of New York State
 20. day of Sept. 1834 Palatine John Schram
 before me in open Court Nicholas Shultz
 Geo. D. Ferguson, Clerk

And the said Court do hereby declare their opinion after
 the investigation of the matter & after reading the foregoing
 presented by the said declaration, that the above named
 applicant was a revolutionary soldier & served in his
 State & after went further to say that it appears from
 that Nicholas Shultz & his wife, neighbors of his who can testify
 of Palatine that they believe in that opinion - that said John
 applicant that their statement is entitled to credit &
 that no clerical man resides in the neighborhood of the
 said John Schram the applicant & that said Court
 be referred to his said Court in the County respectively
 as aforesaid -