

Pension Application for Cornelius Sluyter

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Private, Captain Shoemaker, Col. Paulding.

State of New York

County of Ulster SS.

On this eleventh day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty two personally appeared in open court before the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas of the County of Ulster aforesaid now sitting Cornelius Sluyter a resident of the town of New Paltz in the County and State aforesaid aged eighty six years who being 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.

He served in the Militia of the State of New York the full term of five months in the Regiment commanded by Col. Johannis Hardenbergh in the company commanded by John Hasbrouck thinks it was in the year 1776 cannot recollect the month he entered this service, he was in no engagement, he resided when he entered this service in the town of Marbletown County & state aforesaid he enlisted in the service the above mentioned five months a volunteer he was stationed at the City of New York until early in the fall of said year when said City was abandoned by the Americans and taken by the British, he went thence in said service to White Plains, thence to Haverstraw at which place he was discharged he thinks by Gen. Scott he does not recollect he ever had a written discharge. He was born in the Town of Marbletown aforesaid in 1746 and his age is recorded in the church record of said town. Cornelius Krom of the town of Hurley County & State aforesaid served with him said Sluyter in the said company during the above term is personally acquainted with him and knows he performed the full term of service above mentioned.

He served a volunteer in the Militia of the State aforesaid the full term of three months in the regiment commanded by Col. Albert Paulding in the company of Capt. Moses Cantine, John Law of Kingston in Ulster Co. aforesaid was Lieut when on the way to New York he was drafted at Dobb's Ferry to go to Canajoharie. It was in the year 1780. A battle was fought at Canajohare with the Indians, the Oneida's fought with the Americans against the enemy Indians. The enemy Indians & Royalists were commanded by St. John or Sir John things a party of Tories was commanded by one Butler. An American officer whose name was brown with most of his men was worsted in this battle resided in Marbletown aforesaid when he entered this service he was discharged from this service at Albany in the State of New York by Benscoten does not recollect he had any written discharge. That Benjamin A. Krom who resides in Marbletown in the County of Ulster aforesaid served in the same company with him said Sluyter is personally acquainted with him & knows he performed the said service.

He served four months in the company of Capt. Schoonmaker thinks this was the same year Burgoyne was taken, he does not recollect to what regiment said company belonged, he resided in the town of Marbletown when he entered this service he volunteered, he has no documentary evidence of this service and knows of no person living whose testimony he can procure who can testify to this service.

He served the full period of eight months in the Militia of the State of New York in the Regiment of Col. Albert Paulding in the company under the command of Capt. Piercy—does not recollect the year it was in the month of April when he entered this service and he left the same in December, he was in no engagement during this service a battle was fought at Warwarsink, but he was absent at the time of the engagement in consequence of a furlough given him by his Col. he however returned in time to join his company in pursuit of the Indians who had retreated westwardly through the wilderness. They got in sight of them & fired upon them but returned without bringing them to an engagement. He resided in

Marbletown aforesaid when he entered this service he volunteered, enlisted at Kingston, crossed the creek to Houghtalings when thence to [Yaphonipplebush?] was at Warwarsink, Neppenock, Sachonack, & in the Western part of Ulster Co. aforesaid guarding frontiers. That Jacob Wilchlow who resides in New Paltz in the County of Ulster aforesaid is personally acquainted with him said Sluyter served in the same company with this deponent during the last stated service and knows that he said Sluyter served said term of eight months. Said Sluyter he has resided since the revolution in the towns of Marbletown & New Paltz, in Ulster County aforesaid. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except he present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state.

That there were no regular officers or regiments stationed where he served that he can recollect. That Josiah Dubois and Willhelmus Kiersted can testify as required by the War Department. (Signed with his mark) Cornelius Sluyter

Sworn to & subscribed the day and year aforesaid. A.D. Sopel, First Judge &c, Abm. Hardenbergh, Abm A. Deyo, John Jansen, Judges &c.