

Pension Application for John Van Loon

W.19089 (Elizabeth Steller, former widow) Married Aug 20, 1776. John died October 27, 1786.

State of New York

Montgomery County SS.

On this first day of November 1838 personally appeared before the undersigned a Justice of the peace in and for said County Abraham Philips who being duly sworn doth depose and say.

That he was well acquainted with John van Loon from the Commencement of the revolutionary war untill the time of his death, that he this deponent was in the Service of the United States as a boatman for the term for nine months in the year 1778 under Captain Simon Degraff.

That John van Loon was also a Boatman but not in Captain DeGraff's Company, this deponent now recollect the name of the captain under whom Van Loon served but he frequently saw him during the season and altho he cannot swear positive to the length of his service he thinks it could not have been less than nine months as he saw him frequently from the commencement to the end of the season of navigation, which was from the breaking up of the ice in the spring untill the same river (Mohawk) was again closed which he thinks was near the first of January—this being the time when this deponent was discharged.

This deponent further swears that the said John Van Loon was also a soldier in the same company of militia with himself but he is unable to swear positive to any length of service in the field or garrison of the said John van Loon and further he said not. (Signed with his mark) Abraham Philips

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year above written before me. Henry M. Livingston J.P.

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On this 1st day of November 1838 personally appeared before the Undersigned a Justice of the peace in and for the County aforesaid Henry Smith who being duly sworn doth depose and say that he was acquainted with John van Loon during the revolution. That he this deponent was a volunteer in Captain John Casselman's Company in the year 1780 and that the aforesaid John van Loon was also in the said Company of Captain Casselman and was in actual service in said company for the term of nine months during the said year 1780 the said company of Captain Casselman was a company of volunteers enlisted and raised by the authority of the field officers and was continually engaged in protecting the frontiers of Tryon County was in then bounds of Col. Klock's Regt and subject to his command, and further he says not. (Signed with his mark) Henry Smith

Subscribed and sworn to this day & year above written before me. Henry M. Livingston J.P.

List of Captains: Capt Winn 6 mo, Capt Peters 9 mo., Capt Wemple 9 mos. 24 months total.