

Pension Application for Johannes Werth

S.11716

State of New York

Schoharie County SS.

On this fifth day of October 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 Schoharie now sitting Johannes Werth a resident of the Town of Cobleskill in the County of Schoharie and State of New York, 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 7, 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated.

He was firstly, as near as he can recollect, to named officers in Captain George Mann's company, of militia in Colonel Vroman's regiment to Schoharie, then in the county of Albany and now county of Schoharie, when he this deponent then resided, it was he thinks, in the fall of 1775.

That he joined the company at Schoharie aforesaid in the St of New York and marched from there to Albany and from there to Still Water, and from there to fort Edward, and stayed there only a few days, and then marched back to Half Moon, and from there to Schenectady, and from there he thinks they went to Cahnawaga [Caughnawaga] and from there they went to Johnstown, now in the county of Montgomery [Montgomery] in said State.

He thinks they were discharged there but the discharge was not in writing, was out in that time 20 or 30 days.

That in the year 1776, he was again ordered to the service, but whether he was warned to appear by a corporal or ordered in by the captain he cannot recollect that he joined Captain Sturbacks Company in Colonel Kramer regiment at the lower fort in Schoharie, it was in the spring of the year he thinks but he cannot remember the month. That he resided at Schoharie at the time. That he continued in the service till late in the fall. He was then discharged at the fort in Schoharie according to the best of his recollection & belief.

That in the spring of the year 1777, he was again ordered into the service at Schoharie at Schoharie aforesaid, where he resided, he joined Captain Stubrack's company in the same regiment and was bigger part of the time employed in scouting & guarding the fort. That he continued in the service in the said company said regiment till some time in the fall when he was discharged at Schoharie aforesaid.

In the spring of 1778, he was again enlisted into the same company in Col. Vroman's regiment, and regiment, at Schoharie aforesaid and he continued to serve in the company and regiment till in the fall when he again was discharged at Schoharie aforesaid.

That in the spring of the year 1779 he was again ordered in to the service in the same company and regiment at Schoharie aforesaid and continued till in the fall when he was again discharged at the lower fort in Schoharie.

That in the year 1780 he was again ordered in to the service at Schoharie aforesaid, where he then resided, in the same company and regiment and served in it till the fall of the year when he was again discharged at Schoharie aforesaid and in the year 1781 he served in the same company and regiment at Schoharie aforesaid from early in the spring till in the fall of the same year and was discharged at Schoharie aforesaid.

That the next spring 1782 he was again called in to the same company and regiment at Schoharie aforesaid when he served till late in the fall, when he was again discharged where he served till late in the fall when he was again discharged at the lower fort in said town and again in the year 1783 he served in the spring a short time about 20 days he thinks and then they were all discharged at Schoharie. That the place was a frontier at that time and was greatly troubled with the Indians who murdered and scalped a great many during the war and

That it took all the men that were left in Schoharie to guard the fort and protect the inhabitants. That after winter set in each year it was not so bad but during the warm seasons they were greatly afflicted with the enemy during the whole war.

He says that he was born in the year 1746, as he has kept his age according to the information of his parents. He was born at Schoharie in the (now) county of Schoharie and State of New York—and that his age is recorded she has been told in the Church book of the High Dutch Reformed Congregation at Schoharie aforesaid.

That he was living at Schoharie when called into the service and has lived there ever since till a few years ago he moved to Cobleskill an adjoining town in said county where he now lives. That when he was called into the service he was liable to do military duty and was warned or commanded to appear and join the company at the different periods as he above stated. That he was not a substitute for any one but served on his own account.

That he cannot remember the names of any of the officers of the regular forces who were with the troops where he served does not recollect of any being stationed near unless it was for a few days.

That he never received a written discharge.

That in the neighborhood when he has been since he was born till he moved into an adjoining town as above stated a few years ago, [sic] he was acquainted with William Becker, John Becker, Jacob Becker, Henry Becker, Jacob Schoolcraft, John Schoolcraft, John L. Snyder, Bartholomew Swart, Abraham Bergh and others who he thinks would testify as to his being a name of veracity and of their belief of his services as a soldier of the revolution. (Signed) Johannes Werth

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid in open court. John Gebhard Jr. Clk.

Letter in folder dated June 9, 1939, written in response to an inquiry.

Reference is made to your letter in which you request information in regard to your ancestor, John Weart (variously spelled) who served from New York State in the Revolutionary War, also, in regard to Garret Vansant, who was born in 1743, in

Pennsylvania served from Bucks County, Pennsylvania, and died in that county in 1797.

A search of the Revolutionary War records of this office has been made and no claim for pension or bounty land found based upon service of a Garret Vansant of Pennsylvania, under any spelling of that surname. The record has been found of only one Johannes Werth, variously spelled, under any spelling, who served from New York in that war. His record is furnished you herein as found in his claim for pension, S.11716.

Johannes Werth was born in the year 1746, in Schoharie, Albany County, New York; his birth was recorded in the Dutch Reformed Church of Schoharie. The names of his parents are not shown, nor the exact day of his birth.

While a resident of Schoharie, New York, he enlisted in the fall of 1775, and served on various tours in each year until the spring of 1783, amounting in all to at least two years, as private under Captains George Man (Mann) and Stuback (Stubag), in Colonel Vrooman's regiment of New York troops; during his service, he was engaged principally in the vicinity of Schoharie, defending the inhabitants from the Indians, who frequently murdered the inhabitants there.

Johannes Werth was allowed pension on his application executed October 5, 1832, at which time he resided in Cobleskill, a town adjoining Schoharie, New York. He had moved there from Schoharie a few years previously.

The soldier made no reference to wife or children at the time he made application for pension.