

Pension Application for Peter Young

S.11922

State of New York

County of Montgomery SS

On the 19th day [of] September in the year of our Lord once thousand eight hundred & thirty two personally appeared in open court, before the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas of said County, now sitting Peter Young a resident of the town of Minden in the County & State aforesaid, aged seventy three years in July last, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of 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 after Mentioned.

That about the first of May 1778 he was called into Service in a Company of Militia men commanded by Captain Adam Lipe, Lieut Jacob Matthis & ensign, thinks, William Seeber in Colo. Clydes Regiment, was called to the Gaysenberg, [Geisenburg?] a few miles South of Fort Plank, then kept on duty about a week, then marched to Cherry Valley, about fifteen miles South of the Mohawk River, was then stationed & kept on duty thinks, twenty five days besides marching to open that place, then returned home to the Mohawk River, when he was at different times called out on duty—to guard the inhabitants & settlement from the Indians & Tories, as occasion required, until about the 10th of November following, when they were again called to Cherry Valley to guard that place from the Indians & tories, as occasion required, until about the 10th of November following when they were again called to Cherry Valley to guard that place from the Indians & tories under Brant & Butler, that they arrived there not in tome to save it, but soon after its distruction [destruction], that they remained then a short time, assisted in burying the dead & then returned again to the Mohawk River. That he was an acting Sergeant in Capt Lipes Company and did, as he believes, during this season three months actual duty in the service of his country.

That about the first of April 1779, he was pressed and taken with government baggage from Fort Plain up the Mohawk River to Fort Schuyler, a distance of about forty miles, was then kept transporting bagage [baggage] & property for the government from the Mohawk River across to Wood Creek about eight Miles, for several Companies then under Colo VanSchaick, Lieut Colo Willet & Major Cocharan who were then about to March against the Onondaga Indians. And that he was imployed [employed] in the service about a month, without any compensation to go as above mentioned.

That about the last of May in that year he was called to Fort Plank by his said Captain then kept on duty at different times, as he was required, until the latter part of June, when he was again pressed, taken to Canajoharie, a few miles below Fort Plank, & there imployed in assisting in transporting the government boats & bagage from that place to Otsego lake, a distance of about twenty miles, when Gen Clintons Army crossed over to join Gen Sullivan, that he was so engaged about two weeks, and

that this service was not done under contracts nor has he received any compensation therefore.

That afterwards and during that season he was called to Fort Plank on duty at different times as his service was required until some time in November following, when danger & hostilities for this season ceased. That while in service during that season at Fort Plank as aforesaid, he was an acting Sergeant. And that his whole duty during that season amounted, as he believes, to three months duty in the Service of his Country.

That about the first of January 1780, he enlisted & entered the Service of his Country under Capt John Denny at Canajoharie in the County aforesaid, that about the middle of February following we were marched from Canajoharie to Schenectady then encamped two or three days, then marched to Albany were then mustered & remained two or three days, & then marched to fish Kill [Fishkill] landing on the Hudson River, where we were commanded by Colo Udley Hay & Maj'r Bates & were then kept & b in that vicinity on duty & on fatigue until on about the 21st day of January following when we were discharged & absent then days then after he arrived at Canajoharie aforesaid the place of his enlistment.

That in the month of July 1781 he was called out by Capt Lipe & marched with men under command of Colo Willet to Sharon in the county of Schoharie to attack a party of about three hundred Indians & tories commanded by a tory by the name of Dockstader, that they marched to a place called Turlock where they fell in with a party fought & routed them & then returned, was out at this time in service about four days.

That afterwards & about the 24th of October following he was again called upon & b marched from Fort Plain to Johnstown under the Command of Colo Willet to meet the enemy, a party of british troops, Indians & tories commanded by Colo Butler & Maj'r Ross, were engaged in the Johnstown battle when the enemy were compelled to leave the ground & moved off. That he then with the men under Colo Willet marched up the Mohawk River, then to the north, to the West Canada Creek when they fell in with Butler & his party, when there was some fighting, Butler & several of his party killed, the others moved out of their reach & they then returned , and that he was in the Service at this time about eight days.

That he has no documentary evidence, and that he knows of no person, whose testimony he can procure, who can testify to all his service.

That he was born in the town of Minden County & State aforesaid.

That he has no record of his age.

That he was living in the said town of Minden County & State aforesaid when called into service where he has continued to live since the war & now lives.

That he was called into service at the times & in the manner above mentioned.

That he cannot state the names of officers or the regular troops, Continental or other regiments or the general circumstances of his service, other than as the same is by him above stated.

That he has no discharge & that he never received any in writing.

That Henry F. Yates & James Voorhees are the names of persons to whom he is known in his present neighborhood, who can testify as to his character for veracity and their belief of his services as a soldier of the revolution and that there is no clergyman living in his vicinity.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever 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) Peter Young

Sworn to & Subscribed the day & year aforesaid. Geo. D. Ferguson, Clerk