

Pension Application for John Corl

S.15263

State of New York

County of Schenectady SS.

On this seventeenth day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & thirty two personally appeared in open court before the Judge of the Court of Common Pleas [sic] in and for said County now sitting John Corl a resident of the City of Schenectady in said County aged seventy five years and upwards, who being first 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.

He was born in the then Township now City of Schenectady in the then County of Albany in said State on the 6th day of March 1757. The record of his age is contained in his family Bible.

When called into the service of the United States in the Army of the Revolution he was living in said township he has lived there since the Revolutionary War and lives at present in said township now City of Schenectady aforesaid. He entered said service under the following named officers and served as herein stated.

In the spring of the year 1775 he enlisted in Capt. John Mynderse Company of Minute Men in the regiment under command of Colonel Abraham Wemple. His other company & field officers whom he recollects were James H. Peek & Lawrence Mynderse Lieutenants. Abraham J. Truax Ensign. Christopher C. Yates Lieut Colonel. Abraham Swits & Myndert Wemple Majors. When not in service under other engagements as herein after specified during said war, he served in said Company of Captain John Mynderse aforesaid until the end of said war, being out upon every alarms (and alarms were very frequent) and when ever called upon he was ready at a minutes warning. And when not out on distant expeditions mounted guard at Schenectady which was garrisoned during the whole war. Being thus bound to Military service he performed the same without interruption from the year 1776 until the year 1783 when the war was closed.

The first expedition in which he engaged was to Johnstown when Sir John Johnson surrendered himself & his tenants and dependants prisoners of war.

In the month of March 1776 he enlisted in Captain John Clute's Company of fatigue men and laborers on the Continental Establishment for the term of one year and served out in full said term of one year in said company. While in this service he was engaged in preparing the timber and other materials for Barracks and Fortifications for the American Army.

The places at which he thus serviced were Saratoga and Fort Miller he was also at Albany, from thence he proceeded to Coeymans thence to Stillwater and from thence to Saratoga and Fort Miller, aforesaid where he remained on duty as aforesaid until the end of his engagement in said Company Captain John Clute.

In the summer of the year 1777, he served in his company of minute men aforesaid with the Northern American Army under Generals Schuyler and Gates at Snookkill (between Fort Miller and Fort Edward). He was in the reencounter which took place at Snookkill aforesaid with the troops under Burgoyne. He was also during said campaign at Bemis's Heights, Fort Edward & Stillwater for a term not less than one month, when he was ordered to Schenectady.

In the fall of the year 1777 he enlisted and served in Captain James Peek's Company of Batteauxmen and was employed in transporting provisions and ammunition from Schenectady to Fort Stanwix.

In the year 1778 he performed garrison duty at the upper & lower forts of Schoharie under command of Captain Walter Vrooman & Colonel _____ Vrooman, for the term of one month at each fort, he also served with a detachment of militia while he was in Schoharie in guarding the farmers while bringing in their harvests. In the fall of the year 1779, he mounted guard at Fort Paris in Stone Arabia for the term of one month, or more.

He has served with the troops under General Van Rensselaer at Fort Hunter. He has been on Duty at Fort Plank and other posts and passes along the Mohawk River.

He was engaged in numerous scouting, patrolling & reconnoitering parties to Ballston, and also to places in the vicinity of Schenectady, the particular periods of which he cannot recollect or specify.

He has often been to Clifton Park & other places where Tories rendezvoused, to rout or capture them.

In the year 1781, when Major Ross & Walter Butler at the head of Indians and Tories made an incursion on the Mohawk settlements, he was with the troops under Colonel Willett, and marched as far west as Canajoharrie. [sic]

In the year 1780 he was engaged for the Continental Congress under Captain Bowman at Watervliet in cutting wood to burn coal thereof for the use of the blacksmiths & artisan of the American Army.

The following are the names of some of the regular officers whom he knew, or who were with the troops where he served, and such continental and militia regiment or companies with which he served, or as he can recollect, viz: Generals Schuyler, Arnold, Gates, Gaansevoort, Col. VanDyck, & Colonels Willett, VanSchaick, Cortland, Dubois & many others.

He never received any written discharge from the service.

He has no documentary evidence, and knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service, except those whose depositions are hereunto annexed.

The following are the names of persons to whom he is known in his present neighborhood, and who can testify as to his character for veracity, and their belief of his services as a soldier of the revolution, to wit: Joseph Peek & James V.S. Ryley.

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) John Corl

Subscribed and sworn to the day and year first aforesaid. John S. Vrooman, Clerk. County of Schenectady SS.