

Pension Application for John N. Marselus

W.26232 (Widow: Catharine)

On this eighteenth 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 in and for said County now sitting John N. Marselus a resident of the City of Schenectady in said County and State aged seventy three years 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 7th 1832.

He was born in the then township of Schenectady in the County of Albany now the the [sic] county aforesaid the twenty seventh day of June 1760. He has no record of his age—But the record of his Baptism is in the Registry kept by the R. P. Duch [Dutch] Church.

When called into the service of the United States in the army of the revolution, he was living in said township and since the revolutionary war he has lived in said township and he now lives in the City of Schenectady aforesaid.

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

In the summer of the year 1776, he was enrolled in Captain Jesse VanSlyck's Company of Militia in the Regiment whereof Abraham Wemple was Colonel. His other company and field officers whom he recollects were Francis Veeder & Walter Vrooman Lieutenants, Abraham Swits & Myndert Wemple Majors.

He served in said company under one engagement from the year 1777 aforesaid until the end of the said war.

Schenectady was garrisoned and required constantly the services of the militia of said Regiment to guard the same. The claimant was actively employed in mounting guard during the whole of said war at Schenectady aforesaid, when not called out with detachments of militia from said Regiment to the different posts and passes along the Mohawk river, and in the surrounding country in more immediate danger of attack danger of attack from the enemy & the incursions of the Indians and Tories.

He was often engaged in patrolling parties & marched to sundry places where Tories rendezvoused to capture or disperse them. He has performed garrison duty not only at Schenectady aforesaid but also at the posts therein after specified the particular dates of these services, or how long he served in each he cannot possibly recollect. The principal expeditions in which he engaged, were as follows.

As a volunteer to Saratoga during the Northern Campaign.

At the upper fort in Schoharie under Captain Walter Vrooman for two months.

At Fort Herkimer under Captain Arent Vedder.

At Fort Plank under Capt. Van Slyck aforesaid. A

At Stone Arabia under Major Swits.

At Fort Plain under Captain Van Slyk aforesaid.

At Fort Clyde pursuant to a draft.

Twice at Ballston, once under Major Swits in pursuit of the enemy, who had devastated that place in 1780.

To Canajoharie under Ensign Lawrence Vrooman when Major Ross made a descent on the Mohawk Settlements.

At Johnstown when Caughnawaga & other settlements along the Mohawk river were destroyed by the enemy.

To Schoharie creek on an alarm, but the alarm subsiding he was dismissed when the detachment under which he served reached the Sand Flatts.

At Fort Hunter with the whole Regiment aforesaid.

Besides performing his own tour of duty he was several times a substitute – once for for [sic] Isaac Rose, the names of the other persons for whom he was a substitute he cannot recollect.

His memory does not serve him sufficiently well to specify in detail the different periods of his services, but according to the best of his recollection he served as a private in the army of the revolution for a term in the whole exceeding eighteen months.

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 regiments or companies with which he served, or as he can recollect, viz: Those herein before named Major Fink, Lieut Snow, Adjt Hardenburgh, Lieut Valkenburgh, Lieut Thorn, Capt. Wendell, Major Fink.

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 further than those whose affidavits are 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, John Sanders and 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 N. Marselus

Subscribed and sworn to the day and year first aforesaid. John S. Vrooman,
Clerk