

Pension Application for Squire Patchin

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Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

State of New York

Onondaga County SS.

On this 26th day of September in the year eighteen hundred & thirty two, personally at a Court of Chancery held at Onondaga before Daniel Mosseley Esquire, Vice Chancellor of the 7th Circuit of the State of New York, Squire Patchin, a resident of the town of Onondaga in the County of Onondaga & State of New York, aged seventy five 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.

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

That he the said Squire Patchin enlisted in April 1776 for nine months at Balltown in Saratoga County & State aforesaid, in the company commanded by Captain Tyrannus Collins In VanSchaick's Regiment of the New York line.—

He believes that the Lieutenant Colonel's name was VanDyke. That he continued to serve in the said corps until the month of January 1777 when he was discharged from service in Fort George in the State of New York, having served about the period of nine months.

That he was stationed at Ticonderoga & other places about Lake Champlain most of the time of his said service, but was not in any battle.

That in the month of March 1777, he enlisted under Captain Peter Fox as a boatman at Balltown aforesaid, & served under him in the United States service, carrying up provisions for the army on Lake Champlain & in carrying the arms & the sick & wounded in the retreat before Burgoyne; & was discharged at Albany in the month of January in the year 1778. A portion of the time of the last mentioned Campaign was employed in making a road from Fort Edward to Fort Ann. In the boating service, the care of the wounded full heavily on this deponent & the rest of our crew, the boat being often filled with wounded men, many of whom were utterly helpless & required to be waited on for every purpose.

At the close of the boating season, this deponent was employed in cutting wood, between Albany & Schenectady for the barracks, till some time in January.

This deponent further saith, that in or about the month of September in the year of the massacre at Cherry Valley, this deponent turned out as a volunteer at Balltown aforesaid.

That this deponent was stationed at Fort Plank during most of the time he was in service during this tour, which was about two months. This deponent was at Cherry Valley, the day after the massacre of the inhabitant by the Indians & Tories. This deponent believes that the name of the Lieutenant of his company was White, but is not positive.

Col. Clock was in command of us after the Cherry Valley Massacre for a short time. We were dismissed in November or December, & after the snow had fallen.

This deponent further saith he was a volunteer in the service of the United States & turned out at Balltown aforesaid, & was stationed the principal part of the time at Stone Arabia, a little north of the Mohawk River, & was in this term of service about a month or six weeks. He thinks the name of the Lieutenant in this expectation was Rumssey.

The country was at that day new, & the rout[e] in [?] Western expeditions cannot be so accurately told. In the two last mentioned tours we passed thro what now makes the town of Charleton, & then I believe called Freehold, & follow up the valley of the Mohawk River.—

This deponent further saith that he was in the service of the United States for another short period which he can designate, tho he cannot determine the precise date. That he volunteered at Ballston, went to Schenectady & from thence to Johnstown to dislodge Johnson & the tories in that place.

He believes that the Captains in this last mentioned tour, was Tyrannus Collins. During the period of the Revolutionary war, this deponent resided in Balltown the whole time, except when he was in the service. Balltown was a frontier town & this deponent was in numerous expeditions as a volunteer soldier in the United States service for short periods:--but the memory of this deponent is so much impaired that he cannot state many of the details.—

At one time, the buildings of the father of this deponent & of his neighbors were burned; & personal property to a great amount destroyed & taken off by the enemy, including a considerable amount & about the whole of the personal property belonging to this deponent.—

This deponent believes that he was in the service of the United States as a soldier during the revolutionary war more than two years.—

Including the particular terms above specified. John Kennedy was a private who served with this deponent the two first campaigns of 9 months each. Ayar Cole served with deponent in the campaign of 1776 & was the orderly sergeant of the company. He was also with us in the town, the season of the Cherry Valley massacre above stated.

After enlistment in 1776 we met at Schenectady to pass muster, then marched to Ticonderoga, passing thro Fort Edward, Fort George, thence embarked on Lake George, landed at the foot of the Lake & arrived at Ticonderoga.

After lying at Ticonderoga perhaps 2 or 3 months. We went to Schenesborough & remained there some time our passage was by water. We were next marched thro new country to Fort George, where we lay till discharged.

In the enlistment commencing in the Spring of 1777 we marched from Balltown to Stillwater, & from thence to Fort Edward.—there worked on the road sometime; & our first boating was on Wood Creek, creek that enters Lake Champlain at Schenesboro. After Ticonderoga was given up to the enemy, the boats on Lake George & Wood Creek were ordered over to Hudson River, & were drawn over. The remainder

of the boating season, was spent on the Hudson between Albany & Fort Edward, except our trip to Kingston.

This deponent further saith, that he was honorably & regularly discharged at the end of each term of his service above mentioned; but that no written discharges were given to himself or his associates, or his associates, as this deponent believes.

He further saith that he was born in the town of Norwalk & State of Connecticut on the 7th day of April in the year seventeen hundred & fifty seven, as this deponent has always been informed & believes.

This deponent further saith, that he lived at Balltown (that part of which has since been & is not called Milton,) till about 25 years ago, when he removed to Camillus in Onondaga County aforesaid, & resided in Camillus aforesaid till about six years since, when this deponent removed into the town of Onondaga aforesaid in the immediate neighborhood of his former residence in Camillus.

This deponent has no record of his age, except one made by deponent himself about 25 years since. Said record is now with some of the children of this deponent who reside in different places, & deponent has not seen it for several years.

This deponent further saith, that he has been well acquainted with William Merome, a clergyman residing in the immediate vicinity of this deponent in the town of Ononandaga for nearly 25 years & is also well acquainted with Reuben S. Orvis of Salina in said county & has been for 12 years as with Peter Johannsburg, Onondaga, each of whom can testify as to this deponent & character for veracity & their belief of his services as a soldier of the revolution.

In the whole of his service he was always enlisted or a volunteer & never drafted or a substitute.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension, or and annuity except the present. He declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency in any state.

This deponent further saith, that he has no documentary evidence & that he knows of [no] person whose testimony he can procure, who can testify to his service. And the deponent saith that he procured the attendance of said person before the court once but for want of time he could not perfect his papers and on the second attendance before the court, He could not have him sworn before he was under the necessity of going home. (Signed) Squire Patchin

Sworn & Subscribed this 2[?] Sept 1832. Daniel Moseley, Circuit Judge & Vice Chancellor.