

Pension Application for John Quackenboss

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State of New York

County of Schenectady SS.

On this eighteenth day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & thirty two personally appeared in open court before the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in and for said county now sitting John Quackenboss a resident the City of Schenectady in said County and State, aged Eighty two 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 then County of Albany now Schenectady in the state of New York on the nineteenth day of August 1750. He has no record of his age except that when he was called into the service of the United States in the Army of the revolution he was living in said township and since the revolutionary he has lived in the same place & he now lives in the City of Schenectady aforesaid.

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

In the spring of the year 1775, he was enrolled as a private in the company of militia within his beat; viz the company commanded by Captain Thomas B. Banker in the Regiment whereof Abraham Wemple as Colonel. His other company & field officers were John B. Vrooman Lieutenant (afterwards Captain) & Benjamin Youngs Ensign, Christopher C. Yates Lieutenant Colonel Abraham Swits & Myndert Wemple Majors.

Not long after his enrollment as aforesaid, to wit, on or about the first day of November 1775, he received the appointment of Lieutenant in said Company & served as such until the end of said war.

Under his engagement of Lieutenant as aforesaid he performed military duty on all occasions required—marched to Skenesborough, Fort Ann, Johnstown, Fort Plain, Fort Plank & other posts along the Mohawk River. How long he was out in each, if it should be required, it is entirely out of his power to specify. He remembers however that during the northern campaign which eventuated in the capture of Burgoyne & his army he was absent more than ninety days from Schenectady.

He has also marched to Joseph's patent with 71 men has marched to Ballston with a detachment of militia in pursuit of the celebrated spy Joseph Bettis who was finally apprehended and hung in Albany. He was marched to Helderbergh & other places where tories rendezvoused, and aided in routing or capturing them. He has marched on three different occasions to and performed duty at the different forts in Schoharie. He was out with many scouting parties, and performed his quota of duty in guarding Schenectady.

The period he was actually on duty during said war in the garrison & in the field he has no certain means of ascertaining, yet can say that it exceeded twenty four months.

He commission as Lieutenant as aforesaid was not renewed by the Council of appointment during said war; but after the war he received a Captain's commission.

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: Colonel Gansevoort, Colonel Willett, General Schuyler, Colonel TenBroeck, Colonels VanDyck, Dubois & others.

He never received any written discharge from service. His commission as Lieutenant as aforesaid bore date on or about oath first day of November 1775 & was signed by the President of the Provincial Congress and has long since been lost.

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

The following are the names of person 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. Lawrence Vrooman & Simeon A.Groot.

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 Quackenboss

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