

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Daniel Christy R1944

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For the purpose of obtaining the benefits of the act entitled "An act for the relief of certain surviving Officers and Soldiers of the Army of the Revolution" approved on the 15th of May 1828,

I Daniel Christy of the Twn of Lumberland, in the County of Sullivan, in the State of New York; do hereby declare, that I enlisted in the Continental Line in the Army of the Revolution, for and during the War, and continued in its Service untill its termination, at which period I was a Private in the Virginia line, but I cannot recollect the name of the Captain neither the Colonel in the Virginia line, that this claimant served under at the close of the War, this claimant recollects that he served in the Sixth Virginia Regiment (under Capt. Bird he believes) and was transferred into Colonel Morgans [Daniel Morgan's] Rifle Regiment, and served in said Rifle Regiment about 3 years and was in the Battle of the Cowpens [17 Jan 1781], and many other engagements; this claimant states that he commenced his service in the Sixth Virginia Regiment, and that he was transferred into Colonel Morgans Rifle Regiment and served in said Regt. untill the said Regiment was disbanded, and that he afterward served in the Infantry untill the close of the War in the year 1783 when he was Discharged at Yorktown in the State of Virginia, and that this claimant recollects that his Discharge was signed by General James Clinton [NY Continental Line], and was an honourable one; – This claimant cannot remember of receiving certificates for the reward of Eighty Dollars to which he was entitled, under a resolve of Congress passed on the 15th of May 1778; and I further declare that I was not, on the 15th of May 1828 on the pension list of the United States; – This claimant would further briefly state that he was a volunteer in the memorable Defeat of General St. Clair [Arthur St. Clair, Battle of the Wabash, 4 Nov 1791] and partook of the hardships of that disastrous occurrence; he was likewise one of Colonel Clark's and Lewis's party who crossed the Continent to the pacific Ocean, and was absent more than four years on the said tour [see endnote]; – he likewise served in the late War, and was enlisted for During the War and served in Capt. McGlassons Company, in the 15th U. States Regiment of Infantry under the command of Colonel Braly; &c,

I witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand this tenth Day of June in the year 1830

[signed] Daniel Christy

State of New York }

Sullivan County } Ss:

On this ninth day of October 1832 personally appeared before the Judges of the Court of common Pleas in and for the County of Sullivan Daniel Christie a resident of the Town of Thompson in the County of Sullivan and State of New York aged seventy 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 provision made by the Act of Congress passed June 7 1832. That he enlisted in the Army of the United States at Hickory town (as then called) near Philadelphia under Lieutenant James Burd a recruiting officer in the 6<sup>th</sup> Regiment of Infantry in the forepart of the year 1780, thinks about the month of May – in about 2 weeks after joined the Regiment at Mud fort below Philadelphia [Fort Mifflin on Mud Island] – there were about 19 recruits went with him. there were about 400 men at the fort, Gen. [Israel] Putnam had the command – does not recollect the names of the Company officers nor the names of any other officers there. Soon marched thro Jersey to Elizabeth town point: there had a skirmish with the British, British retreated with loss of a few prisoners. Continued on to West point, & staid there about 4 days, & then returned to Philadelphia, & joined Gen. Washingtons troops up the Delaware about 2 miles from the City – remained there about 4 weeks. A detachment of between 4 & 6 hundred under Gen. [Anthony] Wayne, deponent being of the number, went to Morristown, & remained there about 2 weeks – then returned to Philadelphia & staid

about 2 weeks. Deponent was then transferred into the Rifle Corps commanded by Gen. Morgan, in the fall of the year or winter, thinks about 1<sup>st</sup> December 1780. – Having been in the 6<sup>th</sup> Regiment about 6½ months. After joining Morgans Corps, went into Virginia, & remained in that service a little more than three years – was engaged in the battle of the Cowpens about 1 January 1781. Morgan commanded the rifle Corps Col. [William] Washington also engaged. Tarleton led on the British horse [Lt. Col. Banastre Tarleton's Legion]. The Americans kept the ground. – Wintered in that neighbourhood [see endnote]. next spring went to Charleston South Carolina – deponent was then in Capt Longs [Gabriel Long's] Company, does not recollect the other officers names. In the fall of 1781 came to Yorktown, deponent was in the engagement there at the time Cornwallis surrendered [19 Oct 1781] – remained there till the winter then marched into North Carolina – thence to Savannah in the Spring of 1782 & remained about 3 weeks – there received news of the war being about to be closed – then returned into Virginia, & Morgan & most of his troops were discharged – deponent was not then discharged – in the spring or summer of 1782. He then was again transferred to the infantry into Gen. Clintons Corps at Yorktown – does not recollect the names of the officers – left that place – July or August – went to Morristown in New Jersey, & was then put under Command of Gen. Putnam – were billeted out about that place & wintered there – next Spring 1783 went to Trenton – witness & others went as a detachment under Gen St Clair into Virginia & were finally disbanded at Yorktown – November 1783 as he thinks – about 600 discharged in the day. Received a written discharge from Gen. Clinton. It has been lost for many years past. Deponent is not able to state the dates particularly nor the names of the places through which he marched, the country being new to him & he paying no great attention to those things at that time. Deponent was also a soldier during the last war and was one of the expedition under the Command of Capts Lewis & Clark to the mouth of the Columbia river.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to pension or an annuity except the present & he declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency in any state, or (if any) only on that of the agency of the State of New York.

[signed] Daniel Christy

State of New York Sullivan County Ss: [28 Jan 1834] Personally appeared before me the undersigned a Justice of the peace of said County Daniel Christie who being duly sworn deposes & saith that by reason of old age & the consequent loss of memory he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his service, but according to the best of his recollection he served not less than the period mentioned below and in the following grade, for three years and six months I served as a private Soldier in the Continental troops.

That he enlisted as near as he can recollect on the 10<sup>th</sup> of May 1780 & was discharged about the 15<sup>th</sup> of November 1783. And that during the whole of the time from May 1780 to November 1783 he was in the actual service of the United States either in garrison, or the march or in winter quarters – that it is now impossible for him to give any detailed statement of the several places he visited & the country he marched through, as they were all new to him then & he paid but little attention to them; nor can he now recollect the names of any officers more particularly than he has before stated in the preceding declaration. That he does not know of any person now living who can testify to his said services or any part thereof

[signed] Daniel Christy

NOTE:

A note in the file reads as follows: "This man's name is not found among those who were allowed Donation Land under the Act of March 3, 1807, on account of service in the Lewis and Clark Expedition. See book of stubs for same locked up in safe in room of Chief of Invalid Division/ AW May 15, 1924."

After the Battle of Cowpens SC, Morgan's Rifle Corps did not winter in the vicinity, but retreated northward with Cornwallis in pursuit.