

SERVICE

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Penn.

Ritz, Mathias

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Death date not on No. 13.

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Pennsylvania
Matthias Ritz
A Cook in the State of Penn.
who was a Private in the Co. commanded
by Captain Ford of the Regt. commanded
by _____ in the War
time for six months.

Enrolled on the Roll of Pennsylvania
at the rate of 20 Dollars & 0 Cents per annum,
commence on the 1st day of March, 1831.

Certificate of Pension issued the 29 day of November
1833 and paid to David
Conroy, Cook, Penn.
Amount to the 1st of Sept. 1833. - 50.
Pension-allowance ending 4. Mar. 34. 10.
\$ 60.00

{ Revolutionary Claim, }
{ Act June 7, 1832. }
Recorded by Wm. B. Palmer Clerk,
Book 8. Vol. 5. Page 49.

State of Pennsylvania County of York
On the 31st day of January, 1833. Personally appeared before
me one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in and for said
County Matthias Ritz a resident of said County aged seventy
six years, who being first duly sworn according to Law took on his oath
to make the following Declaration in order to obtain the Benefit of
an Act of Congress passed June 7th 1832
That about the 1st of Sept 1781. He was drafted for two months to
serve in Captain Ford's ^{Co.} a place called Camp Security in the
County of York Pa to guard watch and keep secure the British
Prisoners who were stationed at that place for safe keeping
and that he duly served out the time for which he was drafted and
was Hon discharged by Cap^t Ford and Major Bailey who Commanded
the Stockade at Camp Security
And that about the month of September in the same year he
volunteered and did serve four months at Camp Security under
Captain Pennington at Camp Security and duly served the time
which he engaged and was Hon discharged by Captain Pennington
at Camp Security in the County of York and that he served
at Least altogether six months in the Army of the Revolution
I further declare that I have no documentary evidence in my
possession nor do I know of any persons living whose testimony
I can procure to prove my service except John Staab
and I hereby relinquish every Claim whatever to
a Pension or Annuity except the present and declare that
my name is not on the pension roll of the Agency of any State,
Territory or place whatever except that of the State of Pennsylvania

Question by Judge 1. When and in what Year was you born
Answer I was born in Leicester County in the Year 1757
Question by Judge 2. Have you any record of your age if so where is it
Answer I have no keble record of my age
Question by the Judge 3. When were you living when called into service when
have you living since the Revolutionary war and where
do you now live
Answer I lived in York County when called into service and have lived
in said County ever since the Revolutionary war.

Question by Judge 4 How were you called into service were you in the year
November or were you a substitute one of a substitute of a substitute
Answer I was drafted the first that I served in Captain Ford's Company
the last four months service was in Captain Pennington's
Company under Major Bailey at Camp Secaucus I
then volunteered and that I served till the 1st of June
six months at Camp Secaucus in the Revolutionary war

Question by Judge 5 What the names of the Regular Officers who were with
the troops where you served such Continental and militia
Regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances
of your service

Answer There was no regular Officers that I recollect at Camp
Secaucus there was several militia Officers that were
at Camp Secaucus i.e. Vol. Captain Pennington
Captain White and Captain Fox and Captain
Saturly and several other militia Officers and
Major Bailey and many others whose names I have forgot

Question by Judge 6 Did you ever receive a discharge from the service
and if so where is it and by whom was it given and
what has become of it

Answer I received two discharges the first from Captain
Fox and Major Bailey and the last was signed by
Captain Pennington

Question by Judge 7 State the names of persons to whom you are known
in your present neighborhood, one who can testify as to your character
for honesty and good behavior from service as a soldier of the
Revolution

Answer Jacob Grauer Robert Nelson Charles Short and
Lease these were John Staab also Grauer
can all testify as to my character and their belief of my services
as a soldier in the Revolutionary war

Sworn to and Subscribed before me
the day and year aforesaid
Geo. Barnitz

Mathias Fritz
mark

State of Pennsylvania }
County of York - }

Personally appeared before me the Subscriber
one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in and
for said County John Staab aged 74 years a
Credible witness who being by me duly sworn
ing to Law sayeth that he well acquainted with
Mathias Fritz an Applicant for a pension and that
he did serve six months at Camp Secaucus
in the County of York in the year 1781 in the
Revolutionary war to guard water and keep down
the British prisoners and that the statement
made in his declaration is true & further saith not
Sworn to and Subscribed before me
this 21st day of July - 1833
Geo. Barnitz
John Staab
mark

We J. Geo. Schmuicker a Citizen residing in the Borough
of York in the State of Pennsylvania and Charles Staab
residing in the same County certify that we are
acquainted with Mathias Fritz of York County Pa
who has Subscribed and sworn to the foregoing declaration
that we believe him to be seventy six years old and that
he is reputed and believed in the neighborhood where he
resides to have been a Soldier of the Revolution and that
we concur in that Opinion
J. Geo. Schmuicker
Sworn to and Subscribed
this 21st day of July 1833
Geo. Barnitz
Charles Staab
mark

and I the said Judge do hereby declare my Opinion after
the investigation of the matter and after putting the interrogatories
prescribed by the war department that the above named
Applicant was a revolutionary soldier and and served as he
states and I further certify that the Reverend J. Geo. Schomaker
who has signed the preceding certificate is a Clergyman
resident in the Borough of York Pa and that Charles Allen
who has also signed the same is a resident in the said
Borough and is a credible person and there statement
is entitled to credit in testimony here I have hereunto
set my hand
Geo Barnitz

and I the said Judge do further certify that the Applicant
is not able to attend the Court to make his declaration
in consequence of bodily infirmity Hereby set my hand
Geo Barnitz

Pennsylvania,
York County, ss

I John W. Hetrick, Prothonary of the
Court of Common Pleas of said County,
do certify, that the Hon: George Barnitz,
Clerk, before whom the foregoing acknowleg-
ment was made and depositions were taken
is & was at the time of signing his name
there to one of the Judges of the Court
of Common Pleas aforesaid, and as such is
duly commissioned and qualified, and believe the
signature to the same to be in his proper hand writing
In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand
and affixed the seal of said Court, at York
Borough, this 9 day of September 1833.

J. W. Hetrick Prothonary

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Mathias Ritz
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Adm. 11 Months \$20

David Conroy
York Pa.

WAR DEPARTMENT,
Pension Office.

Sir:

The evidence in support of your claim, under the act of June 7, 1832, has been examined, and the papers are herewith returned. The following is a statement of your case in a tabular form. On comparing these papers with the following rules and the subjunctive notes, you will readily perceive that objections exist, which must be removed, before a pension can be allowed. The notes and the regulations will show what is necessary to be done. These points to which your attention is more particularly directed, you will find marked in the margin with a brace (thus: }). You will, when you return your papers to this Department, send this printed letter with them; and you will, by complying with this request, greatly facilitate the investigation of your claim.

A Statement, showing the Service of

Period when the service occurred.	Duration of the claimant's service.			Rank of the claimant.	Name and rank of the Field or Score under whom he served.	Age at present, and place of birth when he entered the service.	Proof by which the Declaration is supported.
	Years.	Months.	Days.				

I am, respectfully,

Your obedient servant

JAMES L. EDWARDS,

Commissioner of Pensions.

REGULATIONS UNDER THE ACT OF JUNE 7, 1832.

The following regulations have been adopted:
This law has been construed to extend, as well to the line, as to every branch of the Staff of the Army, and to include under the terms "Continental Line," "State troops," "militia," and "volunteers," all persons enlisted, drafted, or who volunteered and who were bound to military service, but not those who were occasionally employed with the army upon civil contracts, such as Clerks to Commissaries and to Store Keepers, &c., Teamsters, Boatmen, &c. Persons who served on board of private armed vessels are also excluded from the benefits of the law, as well as persons who turned out as patrols, or were engaged in guarding particular places at night, and were not recognized as being in actual military service.

Four general classes of cases are embraced in this law:

1. The Regular Troops.
2. The State Troops, Militia, and Volunteers.
3. Persons employed in the Naval Service.
4. Indian Spies.

As rolls of the regular troops in the Revolutionary War exist in this Department, all persons claiming the benefit of this law as officers, non-commissioned officers, musicians or privates, will, in the first instance, make application by transmitting the following declaration, which will be made before a Court of Record of the County where such applicant resides. And every Court having by law a seal and Clerk is considered a Court of Record.

DECLARATION.

In order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress of the 7th of June, 1832.

State, Territory, or District of } ss.
County of }

On this day of personally appeared (a) before A. B. a resident, (b) of and State, Territory or District of aged (c) 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 7th, 1832. That he enlisted in the Army of the United States in the year (d) with and served in the (e) regiment of the line, under the following named officers:

[Here set forth the names and rank of the Field and Company Officers: the time he left the service; (and if he served under more than one term of enlistment, he must specify the particular period, and rank and names of his officers.) the town or county and State in which he resided when he entered the service; the battles, if any, in which he was engaged, and the country through which he marched. (This form is to be varied so as to apply to the cases of officers and persons who belonged to the militia, volunteers, navy, &c.)]

He hereby relinquishes every claim (f) whatever to a pension or an annuity, except the present, and 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 in the State of Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid. A. B.

[And then will follow the certificate of the Court.]

And the said Court do hereby declare their opinion (g) that the above named applicant was a revolutionary soldier, and served as he states.

I do hereby certify (h) that the foregoing contains the original proceedings of the said Court in the matter of the application of for a pension.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and seal of office (i) this day of &c.

If, on examination of the proper record, the names of applicants, making such declaration, cannot be found, they will produce such proof as the rule given in note (j) points out.

Every applicant who claims a pension by virtue of service in the State Troops, Volunteers or Militia, except those who belonged to the New Hampshire Militia and State Troops of Virginia, will make and subscribe a declaration similar to the foregoing, with the following additions, viz:

(k) We, A. B., a Clergyman, residing in the and C. D. residing in (the same) hereby certify, that we are well acquainted with who has subscribed and sworn to the above declaration; that we believe him to be years of age; that he is reputed and believed, in the neighborhood where he resides, to have been a soldier of the Revolution, and that we concur in that opinion.

Sworn and subscribed the days and year aforesaid.

[And then will follow the certificate of the Court.]

And the said Court do hereby declare their opinion, after the investigation of the matter, and after putting the interrogatories prescribed by the War Department, that the above named applicant was a Revolutionary Soldier, and served as he states. And the Court further certifies, that it appears to them that A. B. who has signed the preceding certificate is a clergyman, resident in the and that C. D., who has also signed the same is a resident in the and is a credible person, and that their statement is entitled to credit.

I, Clerk of the Court of do hereby certify that the foregoing contains the original proceedings of the said Court, in the matter of the application of for a pension.

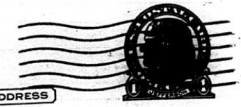
In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and seal of office, this day of &c.

Every applicant will produce the best proof in his power. This is the original discharge or commutation; but if neither of these can be obtained, the party will so state under oath, and will then procure, if possible, the testimony of at least one credible witness, stating in detail his personal knowledge of the services of the applicant, and such circumstances connected therewith, as may have a tendency to throw light upon his mention.

If such surviving witness cannot be found, the applicant will so state in his declaration, (l) and he will also, whether he produce such evidence or not, proceed to relate all the material facts, which can be useful in the investigation of his claim, and in the comparison of his narrative with the events of the period of his

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FOR ADDRESS
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Washington, D. C.

Phi Sigma Kappa House
State College, Pennsylvania

Dear Sir:

Will you please send me a record of Mathias Ritz from York County, who was given a pension for services in the Revolutionary War.

Thanking you in advance, I am

Very truly yours
signature?
Donald V. Gnau

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[Arrangement of 1870.]