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SERVICE

New York

Christian, John

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New York

John Christian

of Saratoga, in the State of N. York  
who was a Sergeant in the Camp commanded  
by Captain Lane of the Reg. commanded  
by Col. S. D. Smith in the N. York  
line for 4. m. m. \$13.33

6. Sep 30  
\$43.33

Inscribed on the Roll of N. York  
at the rate of \$3 Dollars 33 Cents per annum  
in commences on the 1st day of March, 1831.

Certificate of Pension issued the 30 day of Aug.  
1833 and to the A. Pond  
Suburban

Amount to the 1st of Mar. 1833 \$86.66  
For want. allowance ending Sep. 1833 21.66

\$108.32

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{ Revolutionary Claim,  
Act June 7, 1832.

State of New-York,  
Cayuga COUNTY, ss.

On this 2<sup>th</sup> day of September A. D. 1832  
personally appeared in open Court, before the Court of Common Pleas in and for the County of Cayuga  
and state of New-York, now sitting, John Christian a resident of Heute  
in the County of Cayuga and State of New-York, aged 78 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 under the following  
named officers, and served as herein stated:—

That about the month of January  
A<sup>d</sup> 1777 at the town of Philipstown in then in the County  
of Dutchess in the State of New-York. he entered the service  
of the United-States as a volunteer in the company comman-  
ded by Captain George Lane & Daniel Wilson Lieutenant  
in Col Henry Ludlow's Regiment of militia that he  
marched with said company to the town of Westchester  
near Kings bridge and near which place he was  
stationed and continued for a term of one month and  
more that he was engaged frequently in scouting  
parties during said time, that at the expiration of one  
month he was discharged and returned home.  
He further declares that in the month of April A<sup>d</sup>  
1777 at the town of Philipstown he again entered said  
service in the same company and Regiment and marched  
with said company to Broton River at and near  
which place he continued to serve a term of one month  
when he was discharged and returned home, that from  
this time until the first of August following he was  
engaged in said service with a party of rangers or scou-  
ters whose business it was to range the country in the Pis-  
kill mountains in pursuit of How-boys and horse thieves  
and some times in the country south of the mountains  
that he served all the time as Sergeant in said com-  
pany, and during the summer of 1777 he served as Sergeant  
but took the command of said party, which was a  
part of said company. He further declares that about  
the first of August A<sup>d</sup> 1777 he again entered said  
service by enlistment in the company of State troops

commanded by Captain Elijah Townsend & Lieutenant  
John Berry in Col Henry Luddertons Regiment for a term  
of three monthes that he ~~marched~~ <sup>joined</sup> said  
company and Regiment near Tarrytown from thence  
<sup>he marched to</sup> near the White Plains, from thence towards Tarrytown  
and continued to serve as guard and in scouting  
partes near that place during the ~~whole~~ <sup>whole of</sup>  
term of two monthes, from thence to Fredricksburgh  
from thence to Fish Kill, from thence through the Fish  
Kill mountains to the Red Mills in Fredricksburgh, from  
thence to Crompond where he was discharged at the  
expiration of three monthes from the time of the said  
enlistment, and returned home. He further declares  
that in the month of December following he was  
again called into said service in Captain George  
Lewis company in Col Henry Luddertons Regiment and  
marched with said company to Caston River at and  
near which place he was stationed and continued  
and ~~continued~~ to serve as Sergeant for a term of one  
month when he was discharged. He further declares  
that in the month of April AD 1778 at the town  
aforesaid he again entered said service in the same  
company and Regiment that he marched with said  
company to Crompond, thence to ~~Crompond~~ <sup>near</sup>  
Pekskill where he continued to serve as guard &  
range the country for a term of one month when he  
was discharged. He further declares that from  
the month of ~~August~~ May 1778 until the month  
of August following he was engaged in said  
service with a part of said company ranging the

County in Philips town below the Fish Kill mountain  
in pursuit of Cow boys, <sup>& horse thieves</sup> and was engaged in  
actual service one half of the time or more.  
He further declares that in the month of Sept-  
ember following he was again called into  
said service in said last mentioned company  
and Regiment. that he marched with the said  
company to Pick Kill and located at and near  
which place he continued to serve a term of one  
month and a few days when he was dischar-  
ged. He further declares that from the year  
year 1778 until the close of the war he was almost  
constantly in said service and took the command  
of a party of men, a detachment from said  
company, that his employment was ranging  
the country through <sup>in</sup> the Counties of Dutchess and  
Westchester, through the Fish Kill mountains.  
that he would occasionally return with said  
detachment home and would again go out  
in ranging the country that during said term  
he was in actual service as such guard and  
scout one half of the time or more. that the  
country was kept in a constant state of alarm  
by the depredations of the Cow boys, pirates &  
horse thieves. that he held the office of second  
sargeant in said company of militia com-  
manded by Capt. George Lane. and served the  
whole time as such sargeant except the three  
months aforementioned in the company of  
Captain Elijah Townsend. that he never received  
a regular written discharge from said service  
that . . . . .

he further says that he well remembers that in the year 1751, from about the 20<sup>th</sup> of June he went out in said service so much of the time that out of eighty four nights in succession, he spent but two at home - that whilst in said service he saw Gen Washington, Gen Putnam, Gen Putnam, Gen McSaghe & others - that he was born at the town of New Rochelle in the County of Westchester and State of New York on the first of Nov 1753 as appears by the family record - that he is now nearly blind so much so that he cannot recognize the countenance of any one - that he has no property or means of obtaining a living otherwise than from the charity of his friends -

He hereby relinquishes all claim to a pension except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any State or Territory

John <sup>his</sup> Robinson  
mark

State of New York

Cayuga County &c Personally appeared before me the  
subscribed a justice of the peace in & for said County  
John Christian who being duly sworn deposes and  
says that by reason of old age and the consequent  
loss of memory he cannot swear positively as to  
the precise length of his services but according to  
his best recollection he served not less than the  
periods mentioned below and in the following  
grades - for three years and three months I served  
as Sargeant and for three months I served as  
a private soldier and for such service I claim  
a pension. In the above statement I have included  
three months service as a private soldier in the  
company of state troops commanded by Capt Elijah  
Townsend in the fall of 1777 and eight months  
service as Sargeant in Capt George Lane's Company of  
militia previous to the month of January 1779 which  
is particularly set forth in my declaration - my whole  
service except the three months service above stated  
was performed as Sargeant. In the month of  
April 1779 owing to the constant state of alarm in  
which the county <sup>was</sup> ~~was~~ <sup>occasionally</sup> ~~was~~ <sup>visited</sup> by  
the incursions and depredations of the enemy, the  
Torys cowboys & horse thieves I gave up all business  
or civil employment and took the command of  
a party of twelve or fifteen men, a detachment  
from said militia company of Capt George Lane in  
Col Henry Luddebars Regiment for the purpose of  
scouting throught the counties of Westchester and  
Dutchess to protect the lives and property of the  
inhabitants from the depredations of the enemy  
that I continued in said service until the  
commencement of winter a term of eight months  
as I believe. In the Spring of 1780 I again  
from the same motives and in the same manner  
entered said service and continued to serve a  
term of eight months. In the Spring of 1781

I again entered said service in the same manner and continued to serve as the previous year a term of eight months. In the spring of 1782 I again entered said service in the same manner and continued to serve as in the previous year until the month of November following a term of seven months. I was during the ~~same~~ mild & open seasons in each winter called out as aforesaid but my recollections of said services are too indistinct to attempt to set them forth particularly. During said terms of service we used to return home at stated intervals to obtain a fresh supply of provisions and clothing but not with a view of engaging in any civil employment. Neither did we engage in any civil employment during said terms. Said party owing to its energy and perseverance was called by the enemy the boys or Lanes Blood hounds. I was during the whole time a Sergeant in said company of militia

Sworn & subscribed the 29<sup>th</sup> day of 3 <sup>his</sup> John + Christian  
 May 1833 before me John Grover Justice  
 of the Peace

I certify my opinion that said John Christian is a man of truth & veracity and that his statement above is entitled to full credit.

State of New York  
 Cayuga County

John Grover Justice  
 I Michael Myers Clerk of said County do certify that John Grover before whom the foregoing affidavit was made was on the day of the date of the same a Justice of the Peace in & for said County that I am well acquainted with the hand writing of said Justice and believe his signature to said affidavit & the above certificate to be genuine  
 Witness my hand & seal of office the 29<sup>th</sup> day of  
 May 1833  
W. J. Myers



**BRIEF in the case of** *John Christian*  
**County of Cayuga** *in the State of N.Y.*  
**(Act 7th June, 1832.)**

1. Was the declaration made before a Court or a Judge? *Court*
2. If before a Judge, does it appear that the applicant is disabled by bodily infirmity?
3. How old is he? *78*
4. State his service, as directed in the form annexed.

Period.	Duration of Service.			Rank.	Names of General and Field Officers under whom he served.
	Years,	Months,	Days.		
In 1777 <i>Jan'y</i>	—	1	—	<i>Volun<sup>r</sup></i>	<i>Col. John Denton, Capt. Same</i>
" " <i>Apr</i>	—	1	—	<i>drafted</i>	<i>Same Officers</i>
<i>from this time to Aug<sup>t</sup></i>	—	3	—	<i>Serj<sup>t</sup> do</i>	<i>Commanded a party of Rangers</i>
<i>1777 Aug<sup>t</sup> to 1<sup>st</sup> Dec<sup>r</sup></i>	—	3	—	<i>Private</i>	<i>Same Col. Capt. Towns end</i>
<i>1<sup>st</sup> Dec<sup>r</sup> to 1<sup>st</sup> Apr<sup>t</sup></i>	—	1	—	<i>Serj<sup>t</sup> do</i>	<i>Same Col. Capt. Lane</i>
<i>1<sup>st</sup> Apr<sup>t</sup> to 1<sup>st</sup> Sept<sup>r</sup></i>	—	1	—	<i>do do</i>	<i>Same</i>
<i>from 1778 to the close of the war in actual service as</i>	—	1	—	<i>do do</i>	<i>Same</i>
	—	1	—	<i>Serj<sup>t</sup></i>	<i>Same Col. Capt</i>

5. In what battles was he engaged?
6. Where did he reside when he entered the service? *Philips town*
7. Is his statement supported by living witnesses, by documentary proof, by traditionary evidence, by incidental evidence, or by the rolls? *See provision & tradition*
8. Are the papers defective as to form or authentication? and if so, in what respect?

*Regular*

I Certify that the foregoing statement and the answers agree with the evidence in the case above mentioned.

*Levin Belt*  
Examining Clerk.

July 3, 1933.

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BA-J/ADY  
John Christian  
S.12700

Miss Helen M. Baldwin,  
211 Westminster Avenue,  
Syracuse, New York.

Dear Madam:

Reference is made to your letter relative to one John Christian, a soldier of the Revolutionary War.

The data contained herein are obtained from the papers on file in the Revolutionary War claim for pension, S.12700, based upon his military service in that war.

John Christian was born November 1, 1753 in New Rochelle, Westchester County, New York.

About January 1777 he enlisted in Philipstown, Dutchess County, New York, and served one month in Captain George Lane's Company, Colonel Henry Ludenton's New York Regiment. He enlisted in April 1777 and served one month in the same company and regiment. After this service and until the first of the following August he served as sergeant and was engaged in service with a party of rangers, names of officers not stated. From about the first of August 1777 he served three months as private in Captain Elijah Townsend's Company, Colonel Henry Ludenton's New York Regiment. He enlisted in December 1777 and served one month as sergeant in Captain George Lane's Company, Colonel Henry Ludenton's New York Regiment. He enlisted in April 1778 and served one month in the same company and regiment. He enlisted and served eight months and until January 1779 as sergeant in Captain George Lane's New York Company. He enlisted in April 1779 and served eight months in Captain George Lane's Company, Colonel Henry Ludenton's New York Regiment. From the spring of 1780 he served eight months in Colonel Ludenton's New York Regiment. From the spring of 1781 he served eight months in Captain George Lane's New York Company. He served seven months and until November 1782 in the same company. During the mild and open seasons in winter, years and

length of service not stated, he was called out and served as sergeant; the party to which he belonged was called by the enemy "Lane's blood hounds", owing to its energy and perseverance.

He was allowed pension on his application executed September 20, 1832 while a resident of Mentz, Cayuga County, New York.

He died January 9, 1835, place not stated. *On 9/13.*

There are no family data.

Very truly yours,

A. D. HILLER  
Assistant to Administrator.