

State of New York
County of Montgomery

On the sixth day of August
in year 1832 personally appeared before Henry
S. Buzard one of the judges of the Court
of Common Pleas in and for said County of
Montgomery, William Ritter (or as is sometimes
written Ritter), a resident of Canajoharie
in the County of Montgomery, and State of
New York aged about seventy six 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 was born in what was then called
East Camp in Dutchess County about the year
1756 he cannot say positively as the records of
his age were burned during the revolution
in Schoharie, that he removed to Charlotte
River near the present line between the Counties
of Schoharie and Schoharie in the year 1775
that he entered the service of the United States
under the following named officers, and serv-
ed as herein stated, that on the first of ~~the~~
April ~~1777~~ in the year 1777 he enlisted in a com-
pany of rangers commanded by Captain Jo-
seph Bartholony in a Regiment, command-
ed by Col. John Harper in the New York
line for the term of nine months, that
in this term of service he went to the mouth of
Schuylers creek with said Col. Harper
where they surprised and took prisoners
a party of Indians, that during the remainder
of this term of service this Company was
stationed in the neighborhood of Bathurst
and Charlotte River to protect the inhabi-
tants and to watch a certain long family,

by the name of Scraper, that he was honorably discharged on the first of ~~January~~ in the year 1778 and that his discharge is lost, that he knows of no living witness by which he can prove these services.

And further that in the beginning of the year 1778 he removed to the town of Schoharie in the then County of Tryon now Schoharie where he enlisted on the first of April in the year 1778 in a company of Rangers commanded by Captain John (Ditz) in the regiment commanded by Col. Peter Vrooman in the New York line, for the term of nine months, that during this term of service he was detached under the command of Col. Deborah Butler for an expedition to Oquago that the remainder of the term he was employed principally in scouring the Country extending to Catskill and Batavia, that he faithfully served until the first of January 1779 and was honorably discharged at Schoharie as stated in the affidavit of Christopher Hoising which said discharge (if ever received) is lost.

And further that in the winter of 1778-9 that the ~~the~~ Militia were classed, each class serving one month alternately, that he was detached agreeably to said classification and that he served one month he thinks in February 1779 under Captain Jacob Hoag of Schoharie Lieutenant under the Command of Col. Peter Vrooman, that he served at Fort Schuyler at Catskill and that he knows of no surviving witness by which he can prove this service.