

Pension Application for Thomas Curtis

S.12655

State of New York

Chautauqua County SS.

On this 12th day of October A.D. 1832, before the Court of Common Pleas, in & for the County of Chautauqua, personal appeared in open court, before the Judges of said court, Thomas Curtis, a native of Westerly, Rhode Island, now of Stockton in said County, aged seventy one 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 in the spring of the year 1779 he enlisted into the service of the United States in the Revolutionary War at Stephentown, Rensselaer County in the State of New York, and joined the company at Albany under Captain Isaac Bogart's Company in Col. Henry VanRensselaer's Regiment of the New York militia.

That he enlisted for nine months—That he remained at Albany, about three weeks, and was then marched to Fort Herkimer on the Mohawk River, under Col. VanRensselaer where he served till his time had nearly expired, when in consequence of sickness, Col. VanRensselaer gave him a furlough to return to Stephentown aforesaid—and that he did so as to join his company until the said nine months had elapsed.

That in the spring of 1781 he again enlisted at Stephentown aforesaid and joined the company at Albany aforesaid under Capt. Livingston, in the aforesaid Regiment.

That he enlisted for four months, and served the same faithfully and was discharged at Albany, by Lieutenant Hockstraser, of the same company when he had command of the company—

That he was during the principal part of the time of the last enlistment, at Fort Herkimer and was in a skirmish with the British & Indians at West Canada Creek, N.Y. when the Tory Butler was killed, he was then under the command of Col. Willett. He served in all thirteen months.

He has no documentary evidence of his services.

And he says that he knows of no person now living why whom he can prove his aforesaid services.

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) Thomas Curtis

Subscribed & sworn to in open Court the day & year first aforesaid. James Lowry, Clerk.

Letter in folder dated January 11, 1932, written in response to an inquiry.

Reference is made to your letter of December 22, 1931, relative to Thomas Curtis, a soldier of the Revolutionary War.

The data which follow are obtained from the papers on file in pension claim, S.12655, based upon his military service in that war.

Thomas Curtis was born, date not given, in Westerly, Rhode Island.

He enlisted in the spring of 1779 at Stephentown, Rensselaer County, New York, and served about nine months as a private in Captain Isaac Bogart's company, Colonel Henry VanRensselaer's regiment of New York militia. He enlisted in 1781, served four months as a private in Captain Livingston's company, Colonels VanRensselaer's and Willett's New York regiments, and was in the battle of West Canada Creek.

He was allowed pension on his application executed October 12, 1832, at which time he was living in Stockton, Chautauqua County, New York, aged seventy-one years.

No reference as made to wife or children.