

Pension Application for John Hakes

S.5483

At a special Court held pursuance to the Regulations of the War Department in such case made and provided before the Hon. Grant B. Baldwin first Judge of the Court of Common Pleas in and for the County of Tioga in the State of New York at his Office in the Village of Elmira on the sixth day of February 1833.

State of New York

Tioga County SS

On this sixth day of February in the year of our Lord 1833 personally appeared before the Judge aforesaid being the first Judge of a Court of Record because the said Court is made so by a Constitution and Laws of the State laving by law a clerk and seal, John Hakes a Resident of Southport in the said County of Tioga and Sate of New York aged seventy seven years the twentieth day of May last 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 of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated.

That by the twentieth day of July 1775, then being a resident of Hoosack in the County of Albany in the State of New York he enlisted into the company of Massachusetts Sate Troops commanded by Capt. Lemuel Stewart in Col. Eason's Regiment for a term of six months; that he marched with said company to Skeensborough from thence to Ticonderoga, from thence to Crown Point and from thence to St. Johns; that whilst at St. Johns the said Capt. Lemuel Stewart was taken sick and left at that place by his company which march'd with the American Army to Quebeck; [Quebec] that this deponent was ordered by Capt. Stewart to remain with him at St. Johns which he did until the Capt. So far recovered as to be able to be conveyed home and they both returned home together by the way of Skeensborough at which place his six months having expired Capt. Stewart gave him a discharge.

And he further declares that on the first day of June in the year 1777 at the Town of Granville in the County of Washington in the State of New York he again entered the service of the United States n the Company of Militia commanded by Capt. Hingly and Lieutenant Ichabod Parker in the Regiment commanded by Col. John Williams that he march'd with said company thro Poultney, Castleton, and Hubberton to Fort Independence and from thence across a floating Bridge to Ticonderoga that he continued at that place under command until it was evacuated by the American Troops and march'd from thence back ac ross said bridge to Hubberton from Hubberton he march'd to Castleton from thence to Williamstown in the State of Massachusetts where he as stationed under military command and was engaged in scouting parties some of the time until the company received orders for that purpose and were march'd to Bennington where he was at the time of the Battle of Bennington but the company did not arrive in time to be formed in the line of the engagement and was not therefore in it; after this Battle we were march'd back to Williamstown and from thence to Pollet, from thence to Granville and from thence he with the said

Company received orders and march'd and joined the American forces in the rear of the British Army under Gen. Burgoyne.

That eh continued with the said forces until the British General was defeated and taken when his company received orders and he was marched to Pollet in the State of Vermont where after being stationed a few weeks he was discharged on the first of December, making six months served in this campaign.

He further declares that on the first day of March in the year 1779 he enlisted into the company of Capt. Levi Stockwell and Lieutenant Thomas Boggs for a term of nine months, that he joined said company at Skeensborough where he was stationed during the whole of said term of nine months; that he joined said company at Skeensborough where he was stationed during the whole of said term of nine months—It was understood that one Col. was in command up the Mohawk River Country but he cannot remember his name. Capt Stockwell was called Capt Commandant of the Fortification at Skeensborough. That he was on occasionally detach'd upon a scouting party on the frontier. That he served out the said time of nine months and received a written discharge which has long since been worn out and lost.

And he further declares that on the first of April in the year 1780 the militia in the Town of Granville in the County of Washington and State of New York were ordered out by Col. John Williams to assemble at Salem in the said County—this deponent was mustered on that occasion in the county commanded by Capt. Watkins—being thus assembled at Salem aforesaid a call was made for volunteers to supply the garrison at Skeensorough—a great number did so volunteer under an arrangement to take alternative tours of one month each and this deponent volunteered on those conditions and under that arrangements served in garrison duty at Skeensborough aforesaid four tours of one month each from the first of April to the first of December 1780 under Capt. Watkins and Col. Williams aforesaid making in the whole arrangement served in garrison duty at Skeensborough aforesaid four tours of one month each from the first of April to the first of December 1780 under Capt Watkins and Col Williams aforesaid making in the whole two years and one month's service.

That he has no documentary evidence but has the testimony of Ebenezar Farnsworth and Samuel Tyrol hereto annexed in support of his first and third terms of six and nine months service and knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to the second and forth campaigns of six and four months.

And in answer to the sveral interrogatories put to him by the said Judge he says.

First, He was born in the Town of Old Canaan in the Sate of Connecticut on the 20th day of May in the year 1755.

Second. He has a record of his age in his large family Bible which he took at an early day from his Father's family record of the births of his children and which he believes to be correct.

Third. When he first entered the service he lived at a place call'd Little Hoosack then County of Albany and State of New York. After the close of the Revolutionary War he lived two years in Stillwater in the County of Saratoga and State last aforesaid—then settled in the Town of German Flatts now County of Herkimer and State aforesaid where he lived fourteen years then lived twenty years in the City of Schenectady in the State aforesaid—then travelled about the Country several years without any permanent residence and then has lived five yours at his present residence in Southport.

Fourth. That in all his service he was a volunteer.

Fifth. He was acquainted with Col. Herrick, Col. Ethan Allen, Gen. Stark, Col. Bellows, and Col. Hale and was acquainted with some of the troops under their command.

Sixth. That eh received a written discharge for his third campaign of nine months service which he suffered to be worn out and lost but never received any other.

Seventh. That he would refer to Caleb Baker, William Jenkins, Henry Wells, and Jacob Miller Esquires, all of the Town of Southport aforesaid who are well acquainted with his reputation, for truth and veracity and who can testify to their belief in the truth of this declaration.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state. (Signed) John Hakes.

Sworn & Subscribed this day of February 1833 before me. G. B Baldwin, First Judge Tioga Co., NY.