

## **Pension Application for John Haviland**

S.10799

State of New York

Dutchess County SS.

On this fourth day of June in the year one thousand eight hundred and thirty three personally appeared in open court before the Judges of the Court of common Pleas in & for the County of Dutchess now sitting John Haviland a resident of the town of Pawlings [Pauling] in the County of Dutchess and State of New York aged seventy seven years who first being 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 7<sup>th</sup> 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein sated, that he was born on the first day of August 1756 in Harrison's purchase now called the Town of Harrison in the County of Westchester in the State of New York that he was living in Harrisons purchase aforesaid when called into service & lived there until about eighteen years ago, when he moved to the Town of Patterson in the County of Putnam & lived there five or six years & since that time for a period of about ten years he has lived in the Town of Pawlings in the County of Dutchess aforesaid where he now resides.

That on the first day of April 1777 he volunteered as a private soldier I entered the company of Captain John Thomas in Colonel Thomas Thomas Regiment of the Militia of the State of New York in Harrisons purchase aforesaid and that he did the duties of a soldier in said Company & Regiment until the first of November then next following being a period of seven months & that his Regiment were engaged during that period in watching the motions of the [?] man of war.

That on the first day of November 1777 aforesaid he was discharged from the service verbally by Colonel Thomas that again on the first day of April 1778 he volunteered as a private in the above mentioned Captain John Thomas Company & Col. Thomas Thomas's Regiment sand marched from Harrisons Purchase aforesaid to Kings Bridge & then the Regiment joined General Putnams Brigade that he remained and did the duty of a soldier at Kings Bridge & the vicinity thereof until the first of December there following a period of eight months when he was verbally discharged by his Colonel Thomas Thomas and returned and he further says that during the periods above mentioned by him as having been in the service as a soldier.

He was not engaged in any civil occupation or pursuit, that he knew while in the service General Putnam and also knew Colonel Hobbie who had the command of a regiment raised in Westchester County.

That he is know in his present neighborhood to the Honorable Albro Alkin one of the Judges of the Dutchess County Common Pleas, to David D. Alkin member of the Assembly of the State of New York, Daniel Toffey Supervizor of Pawlings, Alkin Toffey & others who can testify to his character for truth & veracity & their belief of his services as a soldier of the Revolution.

That he knows no clergyman in the County where he resides who is sufficiently acquainted with him to speak of his character, he has therefore been obliged to procure the evidence of others respectable witnesses thereto, but by reason of the short period he has lived at his present residence he can procure no witnesses there who can speak of his being in the service by general reputation & knows of no other evidence that he can procure of actual service except the persons whose names are annexed to the following affidavits, & that he has no documentary evidence of his service and this deponent in explanation of the affidavit Thomas Halstead says that in 1776 he enlisted as a fifer in Col Thomas Regiment & attended parade as such, but as he was not actually called into service while a fifer he therefore makes no claim and this deponent further says in explanation of the discrepancy that does appear in the deponents affidavit & the affidavit of Elisha Hyatt as to the year. This deponent was at Kings bridge that said Hyatt is an old man & is mistaken as this deponent believes it being in the year 1777 instead of 1778.

He hereby relinquishes every claim 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) John Haviland

Sworn to & Subscribed the day & year aforesaid in open court June 4, 1833.  
Harry C. Traver Clerk