

Pension Application for Jotham Hawks or Hawkes

W.25756 (Widow: Mary or Polly—second wife.) Jotham was born June 25, Monday, AD 1764. Married Polly Canfield of the Town of Stamford, Delaware County. in the year 1827. Jotham died December 14th 1857 in Colchester, Delaware County, NY.

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State of New York

Delaware County SS.

On this 9th day of October 1832 personally [personally] appeared in open [court] before the Court of Common pleas in & for said County of Delavan Jothan Hawkes & resident of the town of Andes in said County of Delavan & State of New York aged sixty nine 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 7, 1832.

That he entered as a private soldier in the service of the United States & served as herein stated—

That in the month of March 1781 the year that Cornwallis was taken prisoner he enlisted for nine months into a company commanded by Captain Richard Sacket resided in the County of Westchester & State of New York that William Mosier was the Lieutenant of said company that he does not recollect the day of the month in which he enlisted into said company nor to what regiment if any said company belonged that he continued to serve in said company in the capacity of a private soldier under the command of Captain Sacket until about the middle of the summer of 1781 when the said Sacket was taken prisoner by the British at a place called the Middle Patent [patent] in said County of Westchester that the command of said company then devolved upon the said Lieutenant William Mosier until the expiration of the said nine months under whom in said company he served out the term of time for which he enlisted when he was dismissed at Jamestown in the county of Westchester & State of New York where he resided when he enlisted into said company—

That a company raised in the County of Dutchess & State of New York commanded by one captain Williams lay & marched with the company commanded by Captain Sacket & Mosier as aforesaid during the whole of the said nine months & was dismissed at the same time & place that he was with said company to which he belonged—

That he & several others of his company were absent on guard at the time that Captain Sacket was taken prisoner. That the country through which they marched was from Summers Town to Bedford to North Castle through White Plains & from that North to the East river & so back from the east to the North River [?] & number of times during the said nine months that they were stationed for short intervals of time at Horse Neck some Pitt [Rys?] & Dobbs Ferry they were fired upon by the British [British]shipping—

That they were visited by Gen Washington in the course of the said nine months & by the French under whose command he does not recollect that the French had a skirmish with the British on Valentine Hill near William Bridge he was ordered

to march from Bedford & join the French but while crossing the bridge in sight of the battle fields, he was ordered to retreat & he retreated.

That he was frequently called out on alarms being given previous to said enlistment & remained on duty for several days at a time.

That he was born in the year 1764 & has a record of his age in the family Bible at his dwelling house in Andes where he resides & has resided for about sixteen years last past that at the time of his enlistment he resided in the town of Summer & in the county of Westchester & during the whole period of the Revolutionary War & until he came to live in the County of Delaware where he now resides about sixteen years ago that he does not recollect the names of any other officers who were with the troops where he served that those above stated—That no other continental or militia regiments than those above stated served with the company to which he belonged during any period of the service nine months that he has any recollect of.

That he never received any written discharge from the service & has no documentary evidence of his service—that in the present neighborhood where he resides he is known to Frederick Baudly & Christopher Ruff who can testify to his character for veracity & their belief of his service as a soldier of the revolution that there a person Samuel Lawson now living in the County of Westchester State of New York by whom he is able to prove his services as such soldier or some part thereof.

He hereby relinquishes ever claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present & declares that his name if not on the pension roll of the agency of any state. Signed) Jotham Hawks He was born at White Plains Westchester County & State of New York 25 June 1764.

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid. C. B. Sheldon, Clerk.