

Pension Application for Moses Higgins

W.18002 (Widow: Elizabeth) Married October 10, 1767. Moses died October 7, 1832.
State of New York
WestChester County
Town of Bedford SS.

[Note: this deposition was dated October 7, Moses died October 3.]

On this third day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty two, personally appeared in open court, before the Court of Common Pleas in and for the County of WestChester in the State of New York now sitting:

Moses Higgins a resident of the Town of Bedford in the County of WestChester and State of New York aged eighty six years, who 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 7th 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein after stated.

On or about the month of June in the year 1775 he enlisted into the company under the command of Capt. Daniel Mills in the Town of Bedford for the period of six months and in the Regiment commanded by Col. James Holmes he then marched to Ticonderoga and was there put under Lieut Charles Graham and marched to Fort St. Johns in Canada and there served out his enlistment and the command of General Montgomery and was there discharged and returned to Bedford.

On or about the month of February 1775 he enlisted into Capt. Hezekiah Gray's company in the Town of Bedford for the period of six weeks under the command and in the Regiment commanded by Col. Samuel Drake and served out said time of enlistment on York Island and was discharged at Horns Hook on the Island.

On or about the month of July 1776 he enlisted into the company of Rangers in the Town of Bedford and the command of Capt. Micah Townsend for the period of three months and served out his enlistment in the county of West Chester and was at the Battle at White Plains and was discharged at that place the day after the battle.

On or about the month of October in the year 1776, he enlisted in the company of Capt. Josiah Miller in the Town of Bedford for the period of three months and served out said time in WestChester County to guard the lines in said County and was discharged near Saw Mill River.

On or about the month of January 1777 he enlisted into Capt. Hezekiah Gray's Company of Militia in the Town of Bedford for the term of four months and Isaac Titus Lieutenant of said Company and in the Regiment under command of Col. Thomas Thomas, and served out said term of enlistment on the lines in WestChester County and was discharged at North Castle near the Mills.

On or about the month of August 1777, he enlisted in the company of Militia in the Town of Bedford under the command of Capt. Zephaniah Mills for the term of three months, and served out said term of time in the Town of Bedford to guard

prisoners in the guard house, and stationed as guard in said Town and was discharged at Bedford.

And in the year 1779 as nearly as he can remember he enlisted for the term of three months in the Town of Bedford into the company of Militia under the command of Capt. John Thomas and Lieut William Woodward and served out said term of time in WestChester County guarding the lines and was discharged at the White Plains.

And in the year 1779 he entered into the company of Militia under Capt. Marcus Moseman Lieuts Gabriel Higgins and Ensign Eli Tyler and in the Regiment under the command of Col. Thomas Thomas and he was frequently called out by said officers to guard the lines in WestChester County and thus served during the Revolutionary War.

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) Moses Higgins

Sworn to and subscribed this 4th day of October 1832 before me. N. Bayles Clk

And to the interrogatories propounded to him by the court agreeably to the instructions of the War Department he on his oath maketh answer and saith that he was born in the year one thousand seven hundred and forty six at Fairfield in the State of Connecticut, that the time of his birth was recorded in his bible but that it is now destroyed.

That he has now a written memorandum of his age at his residence in Bedford in said County. That at the times he entered the service as aforesaid he resided in the said town of Bedford and has resided there since the Revolutionary war and now resides there. That he entered the service as a volunteer.

That at the time he was in the service in the year 1775 at the north, the following regular officers were with the troops viz. General Montgomery, and General Schuyler, that the officers who were with the troops at the time of his service in 1776 whose names he now recollects were General Washington & General MacDougal that he knew many others at that time but he has now forgotten their names. That the remainder of his services were on the lines in said County of West Chester and he does not now recollect the names of any of the regular officers who were occasionally at the places where he served.

That he received a written discharge from the service at the expiration of his term of service in Captain Daniel Mills company and Colonel James Holmes, Regiment which was signed by some person whose name he does not now recollect; and that the said discharge is lost or destroyed; that he also received a written discharge from the service at the expiration of his term in Captain Hezekiah Gray's company in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Samuel Drake that it was signed by Eli Tyler an officer of the said company; that said discharge is lost or destroyed; that he has not seen either of said discharges in a great many years; that he was verbally discharged at the expiration of his other terms of service.

That he has no documentary evidence of his service; that the names of the persons to whom he is known in his present neighborhood and who can testify as to his character for veracity and their belief of his services as a soldier in the Revolution are Abijah Harris and Abraham Barrett of the town of Bedford in said County of WestChester. (Signed) Moses Higgins.

Sworn to the subscriber this fourth day of October 1832 before me. N. Bayles,
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