

Pension Application for Joshua Hinckley

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State of New York

Tompkins County SS.

On this fifteenth day of February AD 1838 personally appeared in open court before a court of Oyer & Terminer & General [?] delivery in & for the said County of Tompkins now sitting which said court has by law the power of fine & imprisonment and is duly constituted a court of Record, Joshua Hinckley a resident of the Town of Hector in the County of Tompkins & State of New York aged eighty years on the 19th day of September last past, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision, made by the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

That he enlisted in the Army of the United [States] in the year 1776 with _____ Wicks and swerved in a Regiment of Artillery called Putnam's Regiment in the New York line under the following named officers:--

That he so enlisted according to his best recollection in the month of May 1776 to serve during the war as a private and did serve for the Term of five years & two months in said Putnam's Regiment under the command of col. Lamb on the Continental Establishment under our enlistment in Capt [Grun's?] Company in which one Wicks was a Lieutenant.

That he was eighteen year[s] of age when he so enlisted and that he then resided at Fredericksburgh in the County of Dutchess now Putnam in the State of New York, at which place he enlisted.

That he continued to serve in the same Regiment for the term aforesaid and until the 4th day of July in the year 1781 when he was discharged at White Plains and received a written discharge signed by Col Anthony [John] Lamb. That at the time of his said discharge his company was commanded by Capt. Reed, that his discharge together with his house were destroyed by fire many years ago in the State of New Jersey.

That during his aforesaid service he was present & engaged in the Battles of Bunkers Hill, White Plains, KingsBridge, Stoney Point and Boston. And that he marched through the counties of Dutchess, Putnam, Westchester & on Long Island in the State of New York & through the southern part of the State of Connecticut & into the State of Massachusetts.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity except the present and he declares that his name is not on the Pension Roll of any agency in any state.

And further that the reason he has not before applied for a pension has been his extreme poverty & inability to pay the expense of his application and his ignorance of his rights—that his wife is not supported in the poor house of Tompkins County and that he has also been supported there by the publick a considerable portion of his time for several years past, not having any means to support himself. (Signed with his mark) Joshua Hinckley

Sworn to and subscribed the day & year aforesaid in open court before the
Judges thereof. Walt T. Huntington