

### **Pension Application for John Holmes**

W.18031 (Widow: Catee nee Slawson or Slauson) John Holmes was born Dec 31, 1752. Catee was born May 14, 1759. Married May 13, 1779. John died Dec 24, 1839.

Children.

Nancy born Feb 20, 1780 and died Oct 11, 1782.

John born April 20, 1782.

James born Mar 27, 1784.

Amos born Aug 3, 1786.

Nancy born Aug 30, 1788.

Lewis born Oct 26, 1780.

Catee, born July 10, 1792.

Patty born Oct 11<sup>th</sup> 1794.

Sophia born Mar 11, 1796.

Betsey born Oct 10, 1799.

Polly born Feb 13, 1802.

Surviving children who applied for an increase of their father's pension: John Holmes Dec'd to be paid to John Holmes the son of John Holmes and Anna Holmes, Catee Suire widow of Jonathan Squire Dec'd Patty Squires widow of Lewis Squire Dec'd and Sophia Hurlbut wife of Seth Hurlbut, the said John Holmes died December 24, 1839.

State of New York

County of Dutchess

On this 22 day of Sept. 1832 personally appeared before the Albro Akins one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in and for the County of Dutchess John Holmes a resident of the Town of Pawlings in the County of Dutchess and State of New York aged seventy nine years the 29<sup>th</sup> day of December last who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain he benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed June 7<sup>th</sup> 1832.

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

That he enlisted the first of April 1775 under Captain Daniel Mills and James Holmes was Col. of the Regiment and was discharged the last of December in the same year. That he resided in the town of Bedford in the County of Westchester and State of New York when he entered the sarvis.

That he was with Captain Mills' company at Bedford under disapline [discipline] from the time of enlistment until August when the company marched from Bedford to Mount Pleasant or Sing Sing whare [where] called the company drew blankets and I went on bord [board] the Northward and sailed to Albany where we drew arms and clothing and was stationed there a few days and then marched from there to Lake George—where we encamped and done military duty at that place until I was taken

sick with the camp distemper, and I lay in the hospital until I was discharged the last of December 1775.

The time of enlistment being expired the regiment marched from Lake George to St. Johns and left me in the hospital at Lake Gorge [George] and I lay sick for three months after I was discharged.

In the spring of 1776 I entered the sarvis under Captain Peter Fleming in Coll Thomas's Regiment and went to disarm the Tories and was called out and was on guard [guard] at Mauraroneek to keep the enemy from crossing from Long Island [Island] was there one month

In February 1777, went unde [under] Capt. Peter Fleming to Ward's House below White Planes [Plains] and was on guard about one mile above Wards House when the enemy surrounded the house and Delavan's company of rangers was taken prisoners. Major Camel of British Army was kild [killed] we marched that night up to White Planes then was order'd to march from the Planes up to Rites Mills where we was under Lieutenant Nathan Olmsted—Commanded by Major Fish who commanded on the lines at that time and I was stationed there as a gard until in April—gone at that time two months and also was the same sumer [summer] in the sarvis at Danbury when it was burned and went from there to Peakskill [Peekskill] and there sarved under McDugle [McDougall] for one month—also the same sumer was under Capt'n Nathan Olmsted at Bedford on the lines one month—also was on guard under Lieutenant Gilbert Reynolds to gard Provisions belonging to the Continental stores near gross River above Bedford for one month—and too, Abijah Wallis Prisoner.

In October 1777 marched under Capt William Fancher from Poundridge and ordered by the Governor to Fort Montgomery [Montgomery] & when we reached Peekskil [Peekskill] we went to North Castle Kingstreet and Harrison's Purchase to Col. Thomases House. From thence I returned Home, and in service one month.

In Nov. 1777 was deputy commissary to purchase provisions for the Continental army and served until February 1777 fifteen months, and in the spring of 1779 served in Militia Company in Poundridge commanded by Ebenezer Schofield and in Col. Thomas's Redgement [Regiment] on the lines and was in service when Poundridge and Bedford were burned by the enemy.

The company was returned by the Capt for six months service and drew wages for that time, -- also in 1780 served as a volunteer under Capt Gould in Col. Joseph Benedict's Ridgement, was stationed at a place called [?] and from thence was stationed in the front guard at Griffins, the Continental army was then two miles above us, the company was returned by the Capt. for two months service done under him and drew pay for that time. (Signed0 John Holmes

Sworn before me the 22<sup>nd</sup> Sept 1821. Albro Akins

Letter in folder dated March 23, 1927, written in response to an inquiry.

I have to advise you that from the papers in the Revolutionary War pension claim W.18031 it appears that John Holmes was born December 31, 1752 in Bedford, Westchester County, New York.

While a resident of Bedford, New York he enlisted April 1, 1775, and served at various times until in 1781 or 1782, about three years in all, as private and corporal in the New York Troop, under Captains Daniel Mills, Peter Fleming, Nathan Olmsted, William Fancher, Ebenezer Schofield, Gould Bouton, Robert Wood and Benjamin Chapman, Colonels James Holmes, Thomas, Joseph Benedict, Thaddeus Crane and Albert Pawling, except a part of which service, beginning in August or November 1777 and continuing fifteen months, was as a deputy Purchasing Commissary under Simeon Selleck, Assistant Deputy Quartermaster General.

He was allowed pension on his application executed September 22, 1832 while a resident of Pawling, Dutchess County, New York, to which place he moved from Poundridge, New York. He died December 24, 1839 in Pawling, New York.

Soldier married May 13, 1839 in Pawling, New York, Mrs. Cates (or Caty) Slauson born May 14, 1759. She was allowed pension on her application executed February 13, 1840, while a resident of Pawling, New York. She died September 6, 1848 in Pawling, New York.

Their children were:

Nancy born Feb 20, 1780 and died Oct 11, 1782.

John born April 20, 1782, living in Pawling, NY in 1840.

James born Mar 27, 1784, died September 26, 1837.

Amos born Aug 3, 1786.

Nancy born Aug 30, 1788, died July 21, 1830.

Lewis born Oct 26, 1780, died September 25, 1821.

Catee, born July 10, 1792, married Jonathan Squire.

Patty born Oct 11<sup>th</sup> 1794, married Lewis Squire.

Sophia born Mar 11, 1796, married Seth Hurtburt, or Hurtbut.

Betsey born Oct 10, 1799, died September 15, 1834.

Polly born Feb 13, 1802, died December 25, 1837.

John, Amos, Catee, Patty and Sophia survived their mother.

The pensioner whose name appears on the list printed in 1840, as Catel Holmes, is a typographical error and should be Catee Holmes as names in this history.