

Pension Application for Joseph Hosford

S.44934

State of New York

Ontario County SS.

Joseph Hosford an inhabitant of the County of Ontario and State of New York being duly sworn doth depose and say that he is a citizen of the United States of America; that he inlisted [enlisted] sometime in December AD 1779 at a place called Rochester in New York into a company commanded by Charles Graham attached to the regiment under the command of Col Philip Courtlandt of the New York line of the Continental Army that he served in the State of New York, New Jersey and at other places and that he received a regular discharge which will be herewith transmitted to the Department of War.

That he was present at the taking of Lord Cornwallis and his Army and at various skirmishes with the Indians in the State of New York and this deponent saith further that by reason of his reduced circumstances he needs the assistance of his country for support, and further this deponent saith not. (Signed) Joseph Hosford.

Sworn and subscribed before me this 22nd day of April 1818. Micah Brooks.
One of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas, Ontario County.

Letter in folder dated April 1, 1929, written in response to an inquiry.

I advise you from the papers in the Revolutionary War pension claim, S.44934, it appears that Joseph Hosford enlisted at Rochester, New York, and served six years as a private in the Second New York Regiment under Captains Charles Graham and Wright, and Colonel Philip VanCortland; he was in skirmishes with the Indians and at the taking of Cornwallis and was discharged, June 7, 1783.

He was allowed pension on his application executed April 22, 1818, at which time he was a resident of Ontario County, New York.

In 1820, he was fifty-eight years of age and he referred to his wife, Mary as being fifty-three years of age and he also referred to the following children: Mary, aged eighteen years; Abigail, aged fifteen years; and Franklin, aged eleven years.

The date and place of birth of Joseph Hosford and the date of his marriage are not given.

He died, January 17, 1847.