

Pension Application for Edward Howell

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State of Connecticut

County of Middlesex

Probate District of East Haddam

On this 3rd day of September AD 1832 personally appeared in open court, before the Court of Probate for the District of East Haddam, being a Court of Record, having a Clerk and seal, now sitting Edward Howell, a resident of the town of East Haddam County of Middlesex State of Connecticut and District aforesaid aged seventy six 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 7th 1832.

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

That in the year 1775 on the 3rd day of July the Deponent then residing at South Hampton Suffolk County on Long Island State of New York, enlisted into a company of New York State troops for the term of six months—John Hulbert was the Captain—John Davis first Lieutenant—Wm. Havens 2nd Lieutenant.

The company was first called together at East Hampton on Long Island that some British shipping had anchored in Gardners Bay—We immediately marched to Montauk, before we arrived there, the British troops had landed, taken some beefs and gone off—

We staid sometime at Montauk and were then ordered to New York where we proceeded by water. While at Montauk some of our troops were taken sick together with Lieutenant Davis—Some soldiers were drafted by Cap'n Hulbert from a company commanded by Cap'n Grunnell that was stationed at Oyster Pond Point to fill the places of those that were sick—

We staid at New York some days and then proceeded to Albany, Fort George, and Ticonderoga where we remained sometime. There were other troops at Ticonderoga but Deponent cannot describe them.

The Deponent thinks Genl Schuyler was there—We were afterwards ordered to take charge of a number of prisoners about one hundred and seventy, that had been taken at Fort Chamblee and to proceed with them to Canaan in Connecticut—whiter we went with the prisoners—from Canaan we proceeded to Fort Constitution on the North River—where we arrived in the month of November and remained until the 15th of January when the deponent was dismissed—While at Fort Constitution we were employed in keeping garrison and guard. There were two companies at the fort when captain Hulbert arrived there—one commanded by Captain Guinnell and another company from New York or its vicinity, the officers of which Deponent does not recollect.

The regiment to which deponent belonged was commanded by Colonel James Clinton. He staid at the Fort about half a month – more than the time of our enlistment in consequence of not being relieved by other troops as was expected. The

date of the Deponents enlistment and discharge are taken from a payroll of the company that was found among the papers of Captain Halbert.

2nd That in the month of April in the year 1776 the Deponent then residing at South Hampton aforesaid enlisted for nine months in a company commanded by Capt. John Davis—Wm Havens and Edward Conklin were Lieutenants and Sylvanus Conklin Ensign—the regiment was commanded by Col. Livingston—The company marched to Montauk and remained there till after the British had taken possession of the Island—While at Montauk we were employed in cooking out for the British fleet and in keeping guards.

After this we encamped at Saybrook Point in Connecticut—and were engaged in removing the people, their effects, and cattle from Long Island—From Paybrook we proceeded to New Haven in Conn and encamped – from New Haven we crossed the sound to a place called Setauket on Long Island took a number of Tories that were in the British Service ten or twelve and killed several more—with those that survived we returned to New Haven—From New Haven we proceeded through Danbury & Reading to the North River and were stationed at same barracks called the lower barracks—where we remained until the 18th of January, when the Deponent was discharged—which discharge accompanies this declaration, and was dated but two or three days before Deponents time would have expired.

The deponent was born at Southhampton County of Suffolk on Long Island State of New York on the 25th January 1756.

The deponent has no record of his age, but believes it is in a bible that belongs to some of the family.

When called into the service the deponent lived at South Hampton, Suffolk County on Long Island, State of New York. The deponent since that time has lived at East Haddam Middlesex County Conn, where now resides. When he entered the service he at both times enlisted. The deponent has stated as particularly as he can recollect the names of the officers and troops with which he served as well as the general circumstances of his service.

The deponent received a discharge signed by Benjamin Ledgyard Major of 4th New York Regiment dated the 18th day of January 1777, which was given but two or three days before his time expired, which discharge accompanies this declaration. The deponent is known to the Revd Joseph Vaill, Timothy Green, Richard Green, William Gelston Esqr and most of the other inhabitants of East Haddam who can testify to his character for veracity and their belief of his services as a soldier of the revolution.

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) Edward Howell

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.