

Pension Application for William Hoyt

S.23265

Declaration of a Revolutionary Soldier who served in the MILITIS, to obtain a pension under the Act of Congress, passed June 7, 1832.

State of New York

Erie County SS.

On this 27th day of October 1832 personally appeared at Aurora in said County before the Court of Common Pleas, One of the Judges of the said County, William Hoyt a resident of Aurora in the County of Erie and State of New York, aforesaid, aged Sixty nine 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 7, 1832. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers, and served as herein states.

I enlisted in the month of March in the year 1780 under Captain Richard Sackett in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Thomas Thomas of the New York line in the town of Bedford, Westchester County in the State of New York, for the term of eight months during the time above mentioned the company to which I belonged were engaged in reconnoitering the frontiers and were engaged in several light skirmishes and frequently took the Picket guard of the enemy and brought them in as prisoners, about two months after I entered to service under the command of Captain Sacket our Captain was captured by the enemy and taken prisoner while going to House a short distance from the place where we were stationed after his Brickfast [breakfast] and the alarm being given our company went immediately out with a view to retake him at which time a sharp engagement ensued between between [sic] the company to which I belonged and a small company of the enemy's light horse but we did not succeed in retaking our Captain. Captain William Moshier succeeded Captain Sackett in the command of the company and continued to command it during the remainder of the term above stated during a part of the time above mentioned Colonel Sheldan was stationed near where we were with a Regiment of light Dragoons that belonged to the Continental line. The Lieutenant Colonels name was Jameson, also a Collonel [Colonel] by the name of Milan from Virginia with a Regiment that belonged to the Continental line was in that vicinity a part of the time [fold in paper] and I left the service in the month of November 1780.

I enlisted a second time under Captain William Moshier under Colonel Thomas Thomas in Bedford in West Chester County in the State of New York in the month of September in the year 1781 for the term of five months and faithfully served my time out in the same kind of service in the same place as above stated.

The third time I enlisted was under Captain Abner Grander in a regiment commanded by Colonel Samuel Canfield in the month of April in the year 1782 In the Connecticut line for the term of one year and was stationed in the fort at Horseneck where I served my time out faithfully during which time I was not in any engagements of any importance and during the periods of time between the several times that he enlisted he was frequently out a number of days at a time under different officers in

the militia, at one time under different officers in the militia, at one time under Captain David Baughton was frequently engaged in skirmishes in protecting the frontiers.

And this deponent further says that he once made application for a pension as he thinks about five years ago and he this deponent received an answer from the War Department stating that his services was State service & not continental service which was the reason that he was not at that time placed upon the pension roll.

And at that time he this deponent procured an affidavit of Nell Whitaker proving actual service. In the application made at that time he stated only one years service which was proved by the affidavit of said Whitaker any this deponent further says that the reason why he did not state the whole of the service that he actually rendered in the revolutionary service was because the act under which he applied required the proof of only nine months service to entitle the applicant to a pension.

And this deponent further says that he was born in the Town of Bedford in Westchester County in the State of New York on the 21st day of December 1765 and was living there when he was called into the Revolutionary service. That there was a record of his age made in a Bible which Bible was burnt together with his house in February 1807 and he has not now any record of his age and that he removed from the County of Westchester County to Albany (now Saratoga County) in the spring of 1783 where he resided about 19 years where he removed to Cayuga County in the State aforesaid where he remained about 4 years when he removed to the more western part of the State of New York to that part which is now called the Town of Aurora in the County of Erie where he has ever since resided and now resides.

This deponent further says that he never received any written discharge.

This deponent further says that Deloss Warren Esquire of Aurora and Edward Paine Esquire of Aurora in Erie County with many others in his neighbourhood who can testify in relation to his character for veracity and their belief of his services as a Revolutionary Soldier and this deponent further says that he has no documentary or other evidence of his services other than what is above stated.

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) William Hoyt

Sworn & Subscribed this 17th day of October 1832 before me. James Stryker,
Judge of Erie County7 Courts.