

## **Pension Application for Stephen Hull**

S. 13495  
State of Connecticut  
County of Fairfield SS.  
Bridgeport

On this 30 day of March 1833 personally appeared in open court, before the Court of Probate of Probate within & for the District of Shatford, now sitting Stephen Hull a resident of Bridgeport in the County of Fairfield, and State of Connecticut, aged seventy 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 stated.

That in the year 1776 I was bound apprentice to Capt Henry Slosson of Lower Salem, West Chester County State of New York to learn the Trade of Blacksmith.

That in the year 1777 with the consent of my said master. I enlisted as a fifer for the term of six weeks, at said Lower Salem, into a company of State Troops which was commanded by Capt Pardy in which company.

I performed six weeks service for the United States keeping gaurd [guard] at North Castle State of New York at the end of six weeks I was discharged at said North Castle & returned home to Lower Salem.

That in the same year that Sheldons Regiment in said State of New York was supprized [surprised] and attacked. I volunteered and joined a company commanded by my said Master Capt. Henry Slosson in which company in this tour of service. I served the United States Two months as a gaurd on the Lines at Pound Ridge, North Castle & Bedford at which latter place I joined said company. I was in actual service at Pound Ridge when the British burnt the meeting house & esqr Lockwood's House— at Said Pound Ridge State of New York—and on the same day that Sheldon's Regiment was supprized, [surprised] my self & two others by command of Capt. Slosson were posted at a distance from the main body, when we fell in with Two British horsemen who received our five (by which one of them was wounded) & surrendered to us with their horses, arms, and accoutrements. I was a private in said Company and was dismissed at the end of said two months at said Bedford.

That in the year 1779 or 1780 I volunteered and joined a Company of gaurd I cannot now remember who commanded said guard but Mayor Crane & Col. Thomas Thomas had the command of the Militia at that time at Bedford State aforesaid [aforesaid] when I joined said company I performed this two months service for the United States in said State of New York on the Lines was discharged at North Castle at the end of said two months. I was a private in said company.

That in the month of August 1780 in Bedford State of New York, I enlisted into a company of State Troops commanded by Capt Stephens for four months and joined Sheldon's Regiment to keep guard at Bedford, Tarry Town, & North Castle, State of New York and was on duty on a scout the same day on which Mayor Andre was taken

prisoner & I was one of the gaurd that helped to gaurd him to head quarters to give information at West Point of his capture.

I was discharged at the end of said four months service at said Bedford was a private in said company.

That in the year 1781 I volunteered & belonged to a company of Gaurd under the command of Capt Samuel Delivan (I do not now remember the names of the other officers in said company) at Crumponds State of New York in which company I performed six months service for the United States, Keeping gaurd at Bedford, North Castle, Crumpounds, Pines Bridge, & a place called the purchase where John Shaw was killed all in the State of New York in the Tour of service I was in an expedition when we recaptured 21 head of Cattle from the British at Kings Street between Sawpitts & White Plains and delivered them to their owners at North Castle.

This part of the Country this year was in a constant State of Alarum [Alarm], and during said six months I was constantly in service for the United States—

I was on duty when Compond Meeting House was burnt & was then & retreated from there to Peekskill Hollow. I was a private in this Tour of Service.

That in the month of December 1781 my master in consequence of the Unsettled State of Society had not carried on his Trade with any regularity for the last 4 years now gave me up my Indentures & I then removed to the Parrish of Wilton County of Fairfield State of Connecticut; where I wrought at the Blacksmith Trade for small wages & from thence I removed to the Parrish of Greenfield in said Fairfield County when I wrought at said Trade until 1790 when I had sufficient knowledge to set it up – when in said 1790 I removed to the Parrish of Stratfield now the Town of Bridgeport in said Fairfield County -- where I have ever since continued to reside.

I have for several months past been seeking for Testimony to prove my services in the Revolutionary War but cannot find any officers alive who I served under nor any other person by whom I can make proof of my service.

I was born in the Town of Ridgefield County of Fairfield State of Connecticut July 6<sup>th</sup> 1762 & am now in the 71<sup>st</sup> year of my age—I have no record of my age but have often seen a record of it in my Father's Bible.

I was living when called into service in the Town of Lower Salem West Chester County State of New York. I have resided in Greenfield & Bridgeport since the Revolutionary War & do still continue to reside in Bridgeport County of Fairfield State of Connecticut was called into service as a vollunteer [volunteer]—the names of some of the regular officers where I served was Major Talmage, Major Crane, Capt Edgar, Lieut Wells, Lieut Pike, Ad't Jackson & Sergeant Major Hawley, never had any written discharge, Isaac Sherman Esqr, David Nichols, Esqrs. Mr. Smith Tweedy, Mr. Thaddeus Hubbell, Mr. John M. Thompson, Mr. Ezra Gregory of Bridgeport and the Hon. Gideon Tomlinson of Greenfield in said Fairfield County can testify as to my character for Truth and Veracity.

Both the Clergymen in my imediate [Immediate] vicinity have been recently settled & cannot testify that I am reported to have been a soldier in the Revolution.

(Signed) Stephen Hull

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid. attest. R. S. Nichols, Clerk

The said Stephen Hull 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) Stephen Hull.