

Pension Application for Benjamin Hunter

S.41673

State of Ohio, Pickaway County

Court of Common Pleas, SS.

On this twenty fourth day of April anno Domini one thousand eight hundred & twenty one personally appeared in open court, it being a Court of Record in & for the County of Pickaway & State aforesaid Benjamin Hunter aged sixty nine years a resident citizen of Pickaway County aforesaid who being duly sworn according to law doth on his oath declare and state that he served in the Revolutionary War as follows (to wit).

He enlisted at Fort Montgomery on the North River in the State of New York (but cannot now state the year but it was in the winter) into Captain Titus's Company (then) 4th New York Regiment of Infantry commanded by Colonel Henry B. Livingston (I believe the New York Regiments were consolidated after the war was nearly over and after I was discharged which may be the reason why my name was not found on the Roll at the War Office)

I enlisted for the Term of three years and faithfully served out that period and was discharged honorably at the expiration of my term at Morristown Huts in the State of New Jersey. I was at the capture of Burgoyne in Sullivan's Campaign against the Indians at Monmouth Battle beside being in other skirmishes and affairs of out posts often.

After the aforesaid discharge, I enlisted at Philadelphia into Captain Heard's Company of lighthouse and afterwards was transferred in Captain Cristie's Company of Infantry on Continental establishment and I think that the Regiment was then the 4th Pennsylvania Regiment but of the number I am not certain, it was commanded however by Co. Richard Butler I enlisted for during the war and actually served one year and six months in the Pennsylvania line when peace was made, and I [was] discharged honorably at Lancaster Penn'a—this last tour of service was particularly mentioned to Judge Thompson who drew my former declaration but he refused to put it down because he said the other service in the New York line was sufficient to entitle me to a pension.

I made a declaration with a view to obtain a pension which is herewith forwarded dated the 23d day of April 1818 which said Declaration was returned to me and no pension granted –

And I solemnly swear that I was a resident citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I had not since that time by gift, sale, or in any manner disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent hereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions of an act of Congress entitled an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and Naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War passed on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property or securities contracts or debts due to me; nor have I any income other than what is contained in the Shedule [schedule] hereto annexed and by me subscribed.

Schedule—

On pair shears, worth seventy-five cents.

12 needles worth six cents—

One thimble worth six and a fourth cents

In the whole amounting to \$[?]7 ½

I am sixty-nine years of age and very feeble and unable to do any work scarcely. I have no family and no relations of any kind in the Western States that I know of. I was a Taylor [tailor] by trade and still work some little at it but not enough to support me and further I say not. (Signed with his mark) Benjamin Hunter

Witness Caleb Atwater.

Letter in file dated June 7, 1833, written in response to an inquiry.

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The date and place of birth and names of the parents of Benjamin Hunter are not shown in the papers in the pension claim.

He enlisted at Fort Montgomery, New York, date not given, served in Captain Titus' Company, Colonel Henry B. Livingston's 4th New York Regiments, was at the capture of Burgoyne, battle of Monmouth and in General Sullivan's expedition against the Indians and in several skirmishes, and wintered at Valley Forge; entire length of service three years. He again enlisted at Philadelphia, served in Captain Heard's Company of Light Horse; was later transferred and served in Captain Christie's Company, Colonel Richard Butler's Pennsylvania Regiment, and had served one year and six months in the Pennsylvania Line when peace was declared and he was discharged.

He was allowed pension on his application executed April 23, 1818, at which time he was aged sixty-six years and resided in Ross County, Ohio. In 1821, he was residing in Pickaway County, Ohio.

There are not data as to soldier's family.