

Pension Application for Samuel L'Hommedieu

R.15145

State of New York

County of Suffolk SS.

On this 17th day of September [first July and then august were crossed out] one thousand eight hundred and fifty five personally appeared before me a Notary Public residing at Sag Harbor Suffolk County in the State of New York Samuel L'Hommedieu aged Seventy ----"---- years who being by me duly sworn did upon his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain for the heirs of his father the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832 or any other act relating to the subject matter of this declaration.

That Samuel L'Hommedieu the father of this deponent enlisted or volunteered in the militia of the State of New York in the month of July 1775 at Sag Harbor in the town of Southampton in the County and State aforesaid, and for such enlistment or voluntary enlistment was duly commissioned or appointed by the proper authority of the State of New York Captain of the Eighth Company of Infantry directed to be raised in Suffolk County.

That the officers of such eighth company when organized were as follows:

Captain, Samuel L'Hommideu

First Lieutenant Silas Jessup

Second Lieutenant Edward Conklin

Ensign Daniel Fordham

That such campaign was attached to and formed part of the Second Regiment Battalion of New York volunteers or militia composed of Nine companies. That the names of the officers of such companies are hereto attached as part thereof and which deponent believes to be correct and true.

That the Field officers of such Regiment as it was organized on the 21st August 1775 are as follows.

Field Officers

First Colonel David Mulford

Second Colonel Jonas Hedges

First Major Uriah Rogers

Second Major George Herrick

Adjutant John Gelston

Quarter Master Phinas Howell

That his father continued in service as such officer in such Regiment, stationed at the Eastern portion of Suffolk County and subject to orders until after the battle of Long Island in August 1776.

That deponent's knowledge of the facts stated herein were obtained from his father in the family conversation while a boy and from these who visited his father's family and were cognizant of the occurrences as parties or witnesses.

That as deponent has been informed and always understood and believed and still believes to be true the said company commanded by his father was at the time of

[?] formation completely armed and equipped and was drilled and mustered with the Regiment at Bridge Hampton.

That after receiving reports of the Battle at the other Extremity of the Island the company mustered and marched or was preparing to march to meet and intercept the British at Canoe Place. That the Island having been abandoned and the British in possession of it so far as they had proceeded, it was after deliberation, considered hopeless to engage them or oppose their advance and that the only course open to them was to submit or flee to Connecticut with their families. That the company was then disbanded, and Mr. L'Hommendieu with many others fled to Haddam in the State of Connecticut in which state he remained until after the war had terminated.

That most of the residents of Sag Harbor which during the war was occupied by the British – fled to Connecticut where they were called Refugees.

That while in the State of Connecticut he was still engaged in harassing the enemy and while a resident of New Londen was at the time of its destruction by Benedict Arnold present until compelled to escape. That by such destruction all his personal property to a considerable amount in value was lost and his business broken up.

That he then removed to Norwich where he resided until the close of the war when he returned to Sag Harbor where he continued to reside until his death.

That his said father was born at Southold a town in Suffolk County on the 20th February 1746. That he was married prior to the war of the Revolution and resided at Sag Harbor, where he continued to reside, engaged in Extensive business as manufacturer of hemp, cordage, or rigging.

That he died on the 7th day of March 1834 and deponent attended the private services at his house.

That his age was upwards of ninety years and his memory and mental faculties unimpaired by age or disease.

That being in comfortable circumstances no application was made for aid or relief to which he might be entitled if at that time he had known of the existence of any pension law. That deponent was duly appointed by the Surrogate of Suffolk Executer of the last will of his father, and took upon him self the executor thereof but never under stood until recently that he or the other heirs were entitled to any benefit under any such law for the service of their father or abundant testimony could have been obtained from living witnesses. That tradition in the town of Southampton confirms the facts herein before stated, and deponent has seen his father's name mentioned as an officer, and refugee in published volumes, detailing revolutionary incidents in Suffolk County.

That among man circumstances connected with the person history of his father different [different] remembers when heard from him the following.

That he went either in his own vessel or on board one sent by others to carry provisions to the town of Boston.

That he was tried by a [???] for extracting military service and for failure of the service. Exacting and collecting a fine and honorably acquitted, the offender being

considered friendly to the British and a Tory during the war the proceedings of which were published in a newspaper printed by one Greene at New London Connecticut.

That he imposed and connected[?] the amount of a fine imposed on one [?] Havens.

That the whole time of his actual service as Captain was about fourteen months. That deponent does not know of any record evidence beyond the published lies tories newspapers &c. That he cannot produce the original Commission.

That the vinters at his fathers were men who either held military commissions or were in places of trust at the time of the revolution[ary] army where he recollects Lieutenant Colonel John Hurlburt of the Continentals whose executer was deponents father.

That after the war his father was elected to places of trust and was respected and esteemed as a patriot who rendered valuable and efficient services. That abundant testimony as to character and so far as an expression of belief it material can be obtained but deponent does not know of one man living who can prove actual service but those whose affidavits herewith presented or who knew him during such war except while in Connecticut.

This applicant further saith that it appears by the annexed certified copy of the Seculars of State of New York that Commissions to the officers of such companies were duly [?] on the 13th day of September 1775, the said return being dated August 15th 1775 and signed by the chairman of the said Committees.

That his said father left no widow. That the children paid Samuel L'Hommedieu now living all this applicant Betsey L' Hommedieu and Mary L. Gardiner all unnamed and residing at Sag Harbor Suffolk County, and that no others are now living of this family. (Signed) S. L'Hommedieu

We, Benjamin Babcock and Charles Smith residents of Sag Harbor in the County of Suffolk and State of New York upon our oaths declare that the foregoing declaration was signed and acknowledged by Samuel L'Hommedieu in our presents; that we know him to be the identical person he represents himself to be; that his statements are entitled to full credit and belief. Benjamin Babcock, Charles Smith.