

Pension Application for Thomas Lodowick

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Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7, 1832.

State of New York

County of Genesee SS.

On this 16th Sixteenth day of October in the year eighteen hundred and thirty two personally appeared in open court before the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas now sitting in and for the said County of Genesee Lodowick or otherwise called Luddick Thomas, a Resident of he town of Sheldon in the County of Genesee and the State of New York aged seventy two 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 on or about the first day of May but what day precisely he does not know in the year seventeen hundred and eighty he the said Lodowick Thomas at Stephentown in the County of Rensselaer in the State of New York enlisted as a private soldier under Ensign James Jones for the term of nine months into the militia of the State of New York.

That in about a week after he so enlisted the said James Jones Ensign as aforesaid ordered him to go to Albany and draw equipage and then he, Nathan Miles and Gideon Tanner who enlisted for the said term of nine months went to Albany in the State of New York and there drew provisions and equipage and from thence he and the said Miles and Tanner went up the Hudson River about seven miles and called on the muster master who inspected them and swore them and from there they went to Fort Edward and joined the company commanded by Captain Chipman who was the commander of the fort and who as a continental Captain at that time as he understood and he was stationed there at the said Fort Edward about a month in said company and while he was there; there was about sixty men stationed in said Fort.

That he doe does not know who was the Lieutenant or ensign in said company.

One Barnett a Frenchman was the drum Major. That while he was there at the said fort a Continental Regiment arrived from down the river and staid at the sais Fort about three days and then returned down the river.

That he does not and never did know what Regiment it was nor who commanded it.

That they were stationed out side the said fort and he had no intercourse with them.

That he was detached form said company with about thirty or forty other soldiers to go to Fort Ann and arrived at Fort Ann in the month of June 1780 and was then and there put into the company commanded by Captain Sherwood and while he was stationed at Fort Ann there was about one hundred men stationed in said Fort Ann.—That the said Captain Sherwood was the commanding officer at Fort Ann while he the said Thomas was stationed there—

That he was stationed there a month or upwards—That he has forgotten the names of the Lieutenant and Ensign of his company—That one David Hart sometimes headed a scouting party and one Ballard went with him.

That while he was stationed at Fort Ann he went in Governor Clinton's expedition to Crown Point and was gone about a week & Governor Clinton went with him on said expedition and then he returned to said Fort Ann. That it was said at that time there was nearly a Thousand men went on the said expedition.

That he saw Governor Clinton during said expedition but never saw him afterwards.

That in the month of August 1780 he was detached from said Company with about fifty others to go to the Blockhouse at Parmarston about twenty miles west of fort Edward aforesaid.

That he went to the said Blockhouse and was stationed there about a month and while he was there he thinks about one hundred troops were stationed at said Blockhouse. That he has forgotten the officers names at said Blockhouse.

That he thinks in the month of September 1780 he with about sixty troops marched by orders from the said Blockhouse to Schenectady and was there about ten days. That while he was there he thinks about five hundred men was stationed at Schenectady aforesaid.

That he with about three hundred marched from Schenectady with orders to go to Fort Stanwix North West of Utica in the State of New York. That he and the rest of the soldiers had not marched but a few miles when they joined the Regiment commanded by Major Hughes who was said at that time to be a Continental officer.

One Harper was Colonel of said regiment but never joined it and he the said Thomas never saw him. That the said Regiment marched directly to said Fort Stanwix and arrived at Fort Stanwix he thinks in the fore part of the month of October 1780—

That while he was stationed at Fort Stanwix which was about a month to said Major Hughes commanded t the said Fort. That about seven hundred men was stationed there at Fort Stanwix while he was there. That while he was stationed there a mutiny took place among the soldiers on account of provisions which was all the event of any consequence that happened while he was stationed there. That he thinks in the latter part of the month of October 1780 he the said Thomas was detached with about sixty privates to go on an expedition about sixty privates to go on an expedition to get some provisions belonging to the British not far from Senika River.

That he went on said expedition under the command of Captain VanVroman, Lieutenant Phelps and Ensign Acker. That he thinks there were sixty two besides the said three commissioned officers to wit, Barnard Phelps and Acker.

That they marched three days from said fort and around near the Salt Lake in Onondaga County in the State of New York and on the third day after they left the said Fort Stanwix towards night he the said Thomas and all the others were said Fort Stanwix towards night he the said Thomas and all the others were taken prisoners of war by a party of British Tories and Indians about six hundred in number.

Two of the said party escaped and were not taken prisoners---The said Lieutenant Phelps, Silas Knapp and two other privates were killed.

That General John Johnson generally called Sir John Johnson was the commanding officer of the British when he and the said part in the said expedition were taken prisoners as aforesaid. That Butler and Brant were also officers among the British at that time.

That a man by the name of Allen who was a private among the Americans under the said Captain Vroman on the morning of the day the said party of Americans were taken prisoners as aforesaid figured himself sick and obtained permission to return to Fort Stanwix and was taken prisoner by the British in Oneida and when he was taken he told the British where the said party of Americans were going; and by that means the said party of Americans was taken prisoners—William Hatch, Killed—Winner, Hawkins, Rowland Potter, were privates who were taken prisoners as aforesaid they were immediately marched to Oswego on Lake Ontario; and at Oswego he and the other prisoners were put on board a sloop of the British and was landed on an Island in Lake Ontario and there staid there one night and then he and the other prisoners went in batteaus to Montreal—

That the said Johnson, Butler, and Brant left them on said Island and the men saw them after—That he was kept during the winter next ending after he was taken prisoner in a stone house more than a hundred feet long about a mile below the city of Montreal and was continued prisoner thru till November in the year 1781—

That he and the other American prisoners were removed from the said Stone house and went about miles above Montreal and were landed on an Island in the River St. Lawrence called Prison Island and remained a prisoner there with the other American prisoners till about the first of October in the year 1782, that he and the other prisoners were kept in log Barracks on the said Island—

That while he was kept a prisoner in the said Stone house he thinks there were about three hundred American prisoners there and when he was on said Prison Island there were about as many—

That in the forepart of the month of October in the year 1782 he and the other prisoners were taken from the Island and put on board a vessel and soon after he was so put on board a vessel he the said Thomas was informed that he was exchanged and would be carried to the City of Boston—

That he was landed at Quebec and staid there about nine days and then was put on board a vessel commanded by Captain Phillips which vessel was a British vessel and from Quebec aforesaid he was carried on board of said vessel and was landed in Boston in the State of Massachusetts in the forepart of November in the year 1782 and that he the said Thomas returned to Stephentown aforesaid where he resided when he enlisted as aforesaid on the twenty fifth day of November in the year 1782—

That while he was a prisoner as aforesaid he knew Ensign Coughram and Lieutenant McGelping tory officers in the British Army.—

That he has stated all the particulars of his service as near as he recollects them and the names of the officers and companies and Regiments with which he was acquainted.

That he has no documentary evidence and that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his Revolutionary service hereto annexed, except Lyman Jackson Simon Hoard, Job Thomas named in the affidavits.

That he was born in the Town of Richmond in the State of Rhode Island in the year 1760 as he thinks—That he lived in Stephentown Rensselaer County New York—

That since the Revolutionary War he has lived in Stephentown aforesaid—and in the Town of Sheldon, Genesee County, New York and that he now resides in Sheldon aforesaid.

That the names of persons to whom he is known in his present neighborhood and who can testify as to his character for veracity and their belief of his serious as a soldier of the Revolution are Rufus Chency a Clergyman the nearest to my neighborhood and John C. Salisbury.

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 my state. (Signed with his mark) Lodowick Thomas

Sworn to and Subscribed the day and year aforesaid in open Court. Timothy Fitch, Clerk.