

Pension Application for Adam D. Mount

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State of New York

City & County of New York SS.

On this twelfth day of march, In the year, one thousand eight hundred and forty one, personally appeared in open court before the Marine Court of the City of New York, now sitting, the same being a court of record and having by law, a seal and clerk, Adam D. Mount a resident of the City & County of New York, in the State of New York aged eighty three years and upwards 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 7th 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States, under the following named officer and served as herein stated. That is to say, in the year 1775, he lived in the City of New York and worked at his business of a baker with one Hugh McDowl in Chesnut Street in that city. Deponent's father and mother living at the same time in the City of New York.

That the deponent was born in Middletown Monmouth County in the State of New Jersey on the tenth day of September 1757 as he always understood from his father and mother and verily believes. Deponent has seen the record of his age or birth in the family bible of his parents and had a record of it himself with the birth and ages of his children, which are now lost or destroyed by time and accident and he has now no record of his age. That since the revolutionary war he has lived in the City of New York, and now lives there. That in the early part of the said year 1775 he thinks about the month of April, at the commencement of the hostilities, that led to the American revolution, the militia of the City of New York were embodied for military service of which there were several regiments in the city:

Deponent was then about eighteen years of age and obeyed the call to arms made on the citizens, who were in favor of the American cause. He entered the service as a volunteer. He equipped himself for service and entered a militia company commanded by Captain John Rutter who deponent knew and who kept a Tavern in Cherry Street in the said City:

Deponent furnished his own musket and other equipments. This was as he thinks in or about the month of April of the year 1775: it was at all events in the early part of that year. He attended and served in this military company whenever assembled what was by the beat of drum through the streets. He with others who composed the said Militia force entered the service in consequence of the State of the times and the necessity imposed on; those who felt disposed in favor of the American cause to defend their rights and liberties. It was voluntary and of their own accord. He was employed and served with the other men composing the regiment to which he belonged as well at drills and exercise of arms & as on fatigue duty in erecting fortifications at the wharfs and margin of the East river and in other services. His duties required him to and he did attend under the direction of his officers for several days of each week, and he continued to act and to perform military duty in this

manner in the said militia or Military company until the regular troops came into the City from the Eastward, who relieved the militia and which took place in the month of February 1776 and deponent thereupon resumed his business and went to work in the same place which had been occupied by the said Hugh McDowl, who being a Tory & violent in his politics had fled from the City.

Deponent was after this employed and baked for the American Regular Troops, he means for some part of them, until the British army entered the City when his business was broken up and he joined his father and mother who were aged persons & to assist in taking care of them.

The time he actually served in the said militia or military company and so performed military services was nine or ten months, commencing as aforesaid in the early part of the year 1775 and ending in the month of February 1776 as aforesaid. He is unable to state and does not remember the name or names of the field or company officers of the militia regiment in which he served as aforesaid except that of the captain of the company to which he belonged who was John Rutter above named.

He remembers that Samuel Hairland and Thomas Heath were is comrades and fellow soldiers, that Hairland belonged to the same company and Hath to the same regiment in which deponent served both of whom are dead and their respective widows are still living, namely Penelope Heath and Sarah Hairland both of the City of New York.

He is unable to state and does not remember the day of the month when he entered such service, nor the exact time when he left the same nor how long precisely he served as aforesaid. It was however as much as nine months and may have been and he believes was more and he is unable to state more particulars in these respects than what is above mentioned.

There were no Continental regiments or companies with which he served as aforesaid: He remembers that when he was engaged in baking bread for some of the Continental Troops as above stated it was by QuarterMaster Belden he was employed of Colonel Willis's Regiment, their Christian names he does not remember.

He has no recollection of having received a discharge from the militia company to which he belonged and in which he served as aforesaid. He believes that when the regular troops arrived in the City as aforesaid the militia or most of them were disbanded or cease further to act and his services were no longer required and he returned to his usual occupation.

He further says that he has no documentary evidence to add use of his said services performed in the militia and he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his services except the said Penelope Heath and Sarah Hairland above named.

That when the Continental Troops came unto the City as aforesaid his serviced in the militia ceased, and he and he performed no further military services, except that there was an artillery regiment belonging to the Regular Troops a part of which were stationed on Governor's Island and a part at Fort Washington and the same being deficient in men to supply the posts in the City, deponent volunteered with others to

serve in the same until recruits could be furnished to fill up the ranks and deponent as such volunteer served and performed duty in such regiment in the said City for about a week; deponents partner whose name was Pierpont volunteered & served in the same manner in the same artillery regiment and was killed in action on the landing of the British at Kip's Bay while deponent was left at his bake House delivering out bread for the Troops.

And deponent further says that William Kumbel Leather Dealer Howard A. Simons, Leather Dealer; Israel Corse; Leather Merchant; Joseph P. Smith, Groser John Katen Groser George J. Butler Minister of the Gospel all of the City of New York, know deponent in his present neighbourhood and can testify as to his character for veracity and their belief of his services as a soldier of the revolution.

And he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the presnt and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state. (Signed) Adam D. Mount

Sworn to & subscribed in open Court the day & year aforesaid before me, Judah Hammond, Justice of the Peace and Marine Court.