

Pension Application for Jedediah Thompson

R.10536

State of Connecticut

County of New London SS. Norwich

On this 27th day of August SS 1832, personally appeared in open court before the Court of Probate within and for the District of Norwich in said County and State now sitting Jedediah Thompson a resident of the Town of Griswold in said County and State aged 85 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 state—and in answer to the interrogatories prescribed by the War Department and propounded by the court he states:

1st That he was born in that part of Preston which is now the town of Griswold on the 5th day of June 1747.

2d There is a record of his age in the town Records of the said town of Preston and a certificate thereof is hereto attached.

3d He resided when called into the service in Orange county in the State of New York and after the war was over he returned to his uncle's in Florida [New York, Montgomery County] in that County where he remained two or three years and after that he resided in Ulster County in the State of New York until about 13 years since when he returned to the town of Preston.

4th He was a volunteer for four periods of service of nine months each.

5th His first term of service commanded in the Spring of the year 1778 or 1779 he cannot tell which, he thinks in the first day of April in the company commanded by John Faulkender and in the regiment of Colonel Levi Paulding – Maj. Benschoten was a major in that regiment and Capt Westfall and Capt Robert Wood the captains of other companies. The whole regiment consisted of about 350 men who were placed along on the frontiers in small companies of six or ten to protect the inhabitants against any attack of the enemy particularly the Indians. [?] then adopted was the acting of stockade forts which they occupied during the night and offered protection to all who sought it.

He served out his full period of nine months and enlisted there [?] years following for the same period of nine months each as he thinks under the same officers and in every instance served the full period of his enlistment upon a similar service.

6th He received no written discharge from the service.

7th For his character for veracity and their belief of his services as a soldier of the revolution he refers to Rev. Spafford D. Leavett, Capt. Elisha Prentice, Thomas Stewart Esq, Doct Bishop Tyler and Hon Alexander Stewart all of the said town of Griswold.

He would further state that previously to leaving the State of New York he applied to Jonathan Dubois Esq of Old Paltz to draw his papers for ;him applying for a pension but none was at that time granted.

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 any state. (Signed) Jedediah Thompson.

Sworn to and subscribed on the day and year aforesaid before me. John Hyde
Judge of Court of Probate.