

## Pension Application for Nicholas Camp

S.12446

Mass. & New York

Otsego Com. Pleas of October Term 1832.

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

State of New York

Otsego County.

On this 17<sup>th</sup> day of October 1832 personally appeared in open court before the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas, in & for the County of Otsego being a court of record & now sitting Nicholas Camp a resident of the Town of Herkimer, county & state aforesaid who being 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 & served under the following named officers as herein stated.

To wit, that he was seventy seven years of age on the first day of June last & in the year 1776, he was a resident of the Town of Pittsfield in the County of Rensselaer, N. York & in the month of January of that year he enlisted into the service at Pittstown aforesaid for the term of one year in a company commanded by Captain Benjamin Hicks (1) & Lieuts Guy Youngs & Nennon Vanderhyden, Ensign Jonathan Brown in Colo VanSchaick's Regt & Lieut Col Ganesvoorts (2) & in Genl Schuyler's (3) Brigade. He marched from Pittstown to Albany from thence to Saratoga then to Fort Miller & Fort Edward, Lake George & Fort Ticonderoga. Here a part of his regt remained a short time with Col. Wynkoop's (4) Regt & from thence to Lake George where we remained most part of the summer. He thinks it was late in the fall when they were marched back to Albany under Col. VanSchaick in this month they were obliged to ford the Mohawk River & in consequence many of them were taken sick one of whom was this deponent about the last of December being still sick he received a furlough from either Col. VanSchaick or Col. Gansevoort he cannot tell which for fourteen days to return home. His sickness still continuing he remained at home & was there when his time expired & therefore never returned to the Army.

In June 1777 he had moved to Adams Mass. with his father & was called out in the militia under Capt. Shubael Wilmot as a substitute for Samuel Salisbury then of the Town of Adams & this deponent thinks it was in Col. Simon's Regt or in Col. Powell's Regt & he cannot recollect which. He was marched to Saratoga N.Y. on an alarm, where he remained for the term of four weeks when he was discharged & returned home—In the summer of 1778 he was called out under Lieut. Joseph Powers in Adams aforesaid to assist in guarding prisoners to Stillwater N.Y. Their prisoners were men who refused to serve in the American Army after having been drafted. He was in this service twelve or fifteen days & returned home. In the month of May 1780 he went in the place of Sergeant Alger for which he received \$5.00 extra. He volunteered in the Militia at Pittstown NY for four months under Capt. Cornelius Wilsey (5) & Lieut Abner VanAma as he thinks & in Col. Peter Yates Regt, Croesbeck (6) was the Major of the Regt. He marched to Saratoga & a place called Palmer Town where they were stationed this place was about 7 miles, west of Ballstown Springs he was stationed there most of the time when he was discharged & returned home. In the month of May as he recollects in the year 1781. He again volunteered under Capt. Thomas Brown (7) in a regt commanded by Col. VanRensselaer (8) & Col. Peter Yates. He was stationed north of Fort Edward, Fort Ann, Fort Miller, Jessups Patent, PalmerTown & at the Scotch Patent & his employment was north in Scouting parties & in garrison duty. He served this service six months when he was discharged & returned home. He never received a written discharge from the regular service in consequence of being at home on furlough when his time expired as aforesaid nor at any other times. He has no documentary evidence by which to prove his services but he refers the department to the affidavits of Timothy Price & John Price (9) herewith enclosed for further information. He can procure no other testimony to his knowledge.

He hereby relinquishes all claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present & declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state. He never served as a substitute except as before noted. He was born on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of June 1755 in the Town of [Ritobette?] in the state of Massachusetts where he lived until about 17 years of age when he removed to the Town of Adams with his parents from thence to Pittstown N. York until about 28 years since when he removed to Hartwick aforesaid where he has ever since resided. He has no record of his age but taken from his parents. (Signed with his mark) Nicholas Camp.

Sworn & subscribed the day & year aforesaid in open court. Horace Lathrop, Clerk.

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1. Unfortunately there are no known muster rolls for Captain Hicks' Company (Fifth Company) in 1776. The other company officers were Guy Young as the First Lieutenant, Nanning VanDerhiden (DorHeysen, etc.) as the Second Lieutenant and Jonathan Brown as the Ensign. This company belonged to the un-numbered New York Continental Regiment commanded by Colonel Goose VanSchaick.
2. Peter Gansevoort Jr. was appointed Lieutenant-Colonel on March 19, 1776 in Colonel VanSchaick's Regiment.
3. Major General Philip Schuyler of the Continental Army.

4. Cornelius D. Wynkoop was the Colonel of the Fourth New York Continental Regiment in 1776.
5. Cornelius Wiltze (Wilsey, Wiltsy, etc.) was appointed captain on June 22, 1778 in Colonel Peter Yates' Fourteenth Regiment of Albany County Militia. The following served as officers in Captain Wiltzi's Company. Abney VanAmy as First Lieutenant, Ezekiel Halstead as Second Lieutenant, and John Harvey as Ensign. They were all appointed on the same day as Captain Wiltze.
6. John W. Groesbeck was appointed First Major on June 22, 1778 in Colonel Yates' Regiment.
7. Thomas Brown was appointed captain on June 22, 1778 in Colonel Yates' Regiment. The following were appointed as officers on the same date in Captain Brown's Company: Jacob VanNess as First Lieutenant, Eldert Fonda as Second Lieutenant and Gamaliel Waldo as Ensign.
8. John VanRensselaer was appointed in 1775 as Second Major in Colonel John Kickerbocker's Fourteenth Regiment of Albany County Militia. On June 22, 1778, John was appointed Lieutenant-Colonel in Colonel Yates' Regiment who had been appointed Colonel on June 22, 1778 in place of Colonel Knickerbocker.
9. Timothy and John Price has served as privates in Colonel Yates' Regiment.