

Pension Application for Hilkiah Grout

S.23672

State of Vermont

Rutland County SS.

On this 27 day of July A.D. 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Judge of the Probate Court of Rutland District now sitting, Hilkaih Grout a resident of the County of Rutland and State of Vermont, aged 70 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.

In 1780 he lived in Wethersfield Vermont & with many other [of] the inhabitants of said Wethersfield volunteering themselves into a company on the 15th of May & [chase?] Capt. Blakely, Lt Lovejoy, Ensign Gilson, he soon after marched to Gloverick [Claverack?] (near Hudson) where he remained a few days & marched from thence to Fishkill, where he remained a few days & thence to West Point & was there attached to Col. Malcomb's Regt & was in that Regt till the latter part of July, when he was drafted into the infantry, into Capt. Delavans Company, Lt Brown, there was no ensign in the company, he was attached to Col. Philip Cortlandt Regt, Maj. Galvar recollects no other officers of the Regt, he was in Brig Gen. Hands Brigade & Gen. LaFayettes commanded the division, soon after being attached to the infantry he marched to Peekskill & crossed the Hudson River to Haverstraw, where he remained about one week from thence to Perth Amboy New Jersey, when he remained two or three weeks, thence to a place called the "English Neighborhood", where he remained a short time, thence to Hackensack, where he remained 2 or 3 weeks, thence back to the English Neighbourhood,--thence to Totaway & from thence he marched to Poughkeepsie, when he was dismissed in the latter part of November having served more than six months, but received no written discharge—

While in the service, he saw Genl Washington, LaFayette, Hand, Poor, Baron Steuben & many others whose names he does not recollect.

He has no documentary evidence of his services except the two passes which accompany this declaration, which he has by accident preserved—He knows of no person whose testimony he can obtain, to testify to his services.

He was born in Winchester, near Hampshire, on the 30th of October 1761, he knows of no record of his age, it was in his father's bible, which was burnt together with his house.

He lived in Methersfield afd [aforesaid] from 1772 until June 1827 at which time he moved to Mendon, Rutland County afd, when he has ever since lived & now lives he never received a written discharge from the service.

There is no clergyman in the town where he resides, except himself & that he has never been regularly licensed but has frequently engaged in clerical duties.

He is known to Cyprian Hart, William Sinemans, Asa Howard, Samuel Howard & most other people in the neighbourhood where he resides.

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) Hilkiah Grout.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid. R. C. Royce [?]

Letter in folder dated March 7, 1924, written in response to an inquiry.

I have to advise you that from the papers in Revolutionary War pension claim, S.23672, it appears that Hilkiah Grout was born October 30, 1761, in Winchester, New Hampshire. While a resident of Westthursfield, Vermont, he enlisted May 15, 1780, in Captain Blakslee's Company, Colonel Malcom's New York Regiment, was transferred to Captain Delavan's Company, Colonel Philip VanCortland's New York Regiment and was discharged in November 1780.

He was allowed pension on his application executed July 27, 1832, while a resident of Mendon, Rutland County, Vermont.

There is no data as to his family.