

Pension Application for Samuel J. Haight

S.13267

State of New York

County of Dutchess SS.

On this 16th day of March in the year of our Lord 1833 personally appeared before Stephen Thorn Esquire one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in and for the three County of Dutchess Samuel J. Haight a resident of the county of Dutchess Samuel J. Haight a resident of the town of Milan in the County of Dutchess and State of New York aforesaid aged seventy years or thereabouts who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath, make the following declaration in order to obtain he benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

This Deponent or declarant Samuel J. Haight says he was born in that part of Dutchess County now called Stanford another called Amenia in the year 1762 is son of Isaac Haight & Martha his wife this deponent continued to reside in the said town of Amenia in Dutchess County aforesaid during the whole revolutionary war.

This deponent recollects that he was sixteen years and six days old when he first entered into the United States Service the first service that this deponent rendered was in the fall and beginning of winter in the year 1778 as this deponent as this deponent believes when the great alarm came for all to turn out who could bear arms.

This deponent marched to Fishkill under the command of Captain George Head this deponent thinks Stephen Adsit was Lieutenant and Solomon Southland was Insign [Ensign] – the Orderly Serjeant [sergeant] of said company was Silas Hatches, a Mr Graham was Colonel of the militia and a Jonathan Landon was major this deponent says that they were quartered a part of the time in Fishkill Church.

This deponent says that the next spring this deponent again entered into the United states service under the command of Captain James Tallmadge and thinks that Solomon Southland or Anny Ferguson was Lieutenant marched to Fishkill and thence down into the Highlands lay there about three months, thinks Colonel Brinton Paine commanded a part of the troops that lay in the Highlands this deponent says that there were several regiments of militia which lay in the Highlands at the time that this deponent lay there.

This deponent recollects that the militia with whom this deponent served in the service of the United States were marched on Fishkill [floats?] before the door of one Colonel Griffin who addressed the soldiers and then dismissed them thinks that Colonel Griffin was an acting Colonel.

This deponent says that he was one of a class of soldiers who stood their draft there were three in the class with this deponent and it was agreed that this deponent should & in case either were drafted this deponent went accordingly for one of the tree was to serve six months unless sooner discharged.

This deponent further says that he was employed as a guard for six months in patrolling the roads in the town of Stanford County of Dutchess and guarding the public stores at John Landon's Mills where flour was ground and manufactured for

the American Army this deponent thinks this was in the year 1779. This deponent stood guard every other night for six months. The Captain of the Company of troops who were stationed to guard the public stores in which this deponent served was Captain Tallmadge, Stephen Haight was Lieutenant, Asa Allen was Orderly Sergeant one John Devie was a Corporal this Deponent thinks he served from the fore part of September 1779 until the first of March 1780 according to the recollection and belief of this deponent.

This deponent recollects of seeing the chain that was across the Hudson's river, thinks it was fastened in the rock on the East side of said river and on the west side there was a windlass to draw up the chain and the chain was secured and buoyed up by being put into logs which floated on the water. This chain was placed across the river near Fort Montgomery.

This deponent recollects of hearing a gentleman preach a sermon in Fishkill hollow he stated "that the cause in which American was engaged was a righteous one and a holy one and should any be killed in fighting the enemy they would go to heaven".

This deponent thinks the name of the Chaplain who preached to the troops was one Mr. Graham—This deponent further says that the reason why he recollects distinctly his age when he first entered the army is because before he was sixteen year of age he enlisted for nine months but this deponent's mother was very much opposed to deponents going into the service and went to captain Tallmadge and got deponent clear and discharged which very much grieved this deponent and then this deponent resolved to volunteer as soon as he should arrive to the age of sixteen years which was the legal age to enlist as this deponent believes.

The deponent further says that at the commencement of the war for two years during the summer and fall this deponent acted as captain over a company of boys this deponent had fifty soldiers in his company and paraded his company twice a week for at least six months this deponent would mention this circumstance to show that he imbibed this love for a military life from this boyish exercise and therefore distinctly recollects his age when he first entered the United States service.

This deponent further says that according to his recollection [best?] one of those boys who belonged to this deponents company ever turned tory but on the contrary all became active Whigs.

This deponent further says that at the time of arriving of the age of sixteen years this deponent [?] the notice thereof to the officers of the company in which deponent resides of his age that he might be loaned out to stand his draft.

This deponent further says that he was again called out n an alarm to go and guard crossing and this deponent went and was discharged after being there at the Hudson river only a few days knows & says he was from home one week and deponent says that he was in the active duty in the United States service as a Malitia [Militia] man in 1778 & 1779 & 1780 & 1781 at least one year and three months and all that this deponent can distinctly state is the service in the fall of 1778. One month and in the year 1779 this deponent was an active duty three months from June till

September of the same year and in the same year 1779 this deponent was on as above sated six months at one time from September 1779 till March 1780 and at various other times since in the years 1780-1781 & 1782 but cannot state more fully than he has stated the same.

To the questions put to the declarant the following are his answers.

1st Question where and in what year were you born. Ans. I was born in Stanford and cannot state more fully than I have in my Declaration above stated.

2 Question Have you any record of your age? Ans. I have none.

3d Question Where were you living when called into service where have you lived since and where now? Ans. I live in Stamford as above stated and now resides in Milan where this deponent resided for the last 20 years.

4. Question—How were you called into service? Ans. Volunteered for himself.

5. State the names of some of the regular officers who were with you & the troops were [where] you served & said Continental and Malitia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service? Ans. I cannot state them more fully than I have in this my Declaration.

6. Question. Did you ever received a discharge from the service? Ans—I never did in writing.

7—Question—State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief of your services as a soldier of the revolution? Ans. I have two sister now living who reside in the neighbourhood in Milan and who know of the services performed by me during the revolution or of a part of them as this deponent verily believes, and this deponent would refer to one Jacob Couse who was in the army at the same time that this deponent was an who can testify to a part of the service rendered by this deponent. The names of this deponents sisters are Lydia and Elizabeth, Lydia married a Mr. Frosh and Elizabeth married a Mr. Proper—this deponent would also refer to Stephen Thorn Esquire one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in and for the County of Dutchess and also to Jacob Shook whose postmaster of this town of Milan to both of whom this deponent is well known—

There is no minister of the Gospel residing in this town to whom this deponent is well acquainted there being no settled minister residing here. This deponent further says that he has no documentary proof of services rendered that this deponent can produce.

This deponent 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) Samuel J. Haight.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid. Stephen Thorn, Judge &c., one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas and for the County of Dutchess and State of New York aforesaid.

Letter in folder dated July 8, 1926, written in response to an inquiry.

I have to advise you that from the papers in the Revolutionary War pension claim S.13287 it appears that Samuel J. Haight, son of Isaac Haight and his wife Martha, was born in the fall of 1762 in Amenia (later called Stanford), Dutchess County, New York.

While a said Amenia he enlisted in the fall of 1778 and served on month as a private in Captain George Head's Company, Colonel Graham's New York Regiment.

He enlisted in June 1779 and served three months as private in Captain James Talmadge's New York Company, and also from September 1779 to March 1780 in the same company.

He served at various times during the years of 1780, 1781 and 1782, making his entire service about one year and three months.

He was allowed pension on his application executed March 18, 1833 while a resident of Milan, Dutchess County, New York.

He married November 22, 1835 in Dutchess County, New York, Ellen the widow of John Wallis, both of Poughkeepsie, New York, where the soldier was still living ten years later. He died prior to April 10, 1849 leaving a widow.

The above noted is the only soldier named Samuel Haight, who served with the Dutchess County, New York Troops, found on the Revolutionary War records of this Bureau.