

Pension Application for Benjamin Hains or Haynes

W.4693 (Widow: Sophia) Married 1778 or 1779. Benjamin died July 19, 1822.

B.L.Reg. 312065-Act 3-3-1855.

Pennsylvania

Wayne County SS.

On this thirty first day of August AD eighteen hundred and twenty personally appeared in open Court of Common Pleas in and for the County of Wayne & being a court of Record having been made such by the laws of Pennsylvania the act of 22 May 1722 &c,

Benjamin Harris aged about seventy nine years and resident in the County of Wayne who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision of the act of Congress of the 18th March 1818 and the first of May 1820.

That he the said Benjamin Harris enlisted during the war on or about the months of May 1776 at a place called PeenPack on the Delaware River in the State of New York in the company commanded by Captain Jacob Dewitt junior in the Regiment commanded by Col. Dubois who at that time resided near the [Mall-Kill?] in the town of Minisink and State of New York in the Line of the State of New York in the Continental establishment and continued to serve in the said corps for upwards of nine months during which time his Captain was broken and Lieut. Ball took the command—That he was ordered from the said Corps by his commanding officers, together with one Benjamin Brice on the frontier as a pilot and served in that capacity to the troops stationed thereon, being well acquainted with the country between the rivers Delaware and Susequhanna, along the River Lackhawana &c.

That he was ordered as a spy by General Hand to go to Tioga Point on the Susquehanna River to ascertain the situation of the enemy who had then encamped at that place under the command of one Butler as he believes.

That on his return he was ordered as a Pilot to General Sullivan's Army that then lay at Stroadsburgh near the Delaware River and conducted them through the wilderness to Wilkesbarre on the Susquehanna River and from thence to Newtown in the State of Pennsylvania and continued to serve in the service of the United States until the end of the war when he was discharged at McCarty's in the State of Pennsylvania.

That he was in the Battle of Coschecton? At the time a Major Wood was taken prisoner by the Indians—and also at the Battle of ?] and Mcarty's with the Indians on the Delaware River and also at the taking of Fort Montgomery—That he at this time is not able to furnish any testimony other than that the affidavit of Walter Kimble which is hereto subscribed. (Signed with his mark) Benjamin Harris.

Sworn and subscribed in open court the [?] before me. Sheldon Norton.
Present N. B. Eldred.