

Pension Application for John Hale

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State of New York SS.

On this eighteenth day of December in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty two personally appeared before me David Woods a Judge of the County Courts of the County of Washington, John Hale a resident of Granville in the County of Washington and State of New York, and who is unable from bodily infirmity to appear in Court, aged seventy nine 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 7th 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as hereinafter stated. To the seven queries prescribed he returns respectively the following answers.

1st. Was born in Springfield Hampshire County, State of Massachusetts in the year 1753, April 30th.

2nd His father for a long period kept a record of his age in the family bible. But he does not know where the record now may be.

3rd When called into service was living at a place then called Little Hoosic, in Rensselaer County, State of New York, between Old Hoosic and Stephentown. The winter after having service moved into Blanford Hampshire County, Massachusetts lived there twelve years. Moved thence into Granville Washington County and State of New York in the spring of 1788 and has lived there ever since—still resides there.

4th Was called into service as a volunteer – a private.

5th The officers of his regiment were Col. Humphrey, Major VanRensselaer and Capt. Bentley. His lieutenants were Moses VanVrank, and Peter McGee. The company in which this deponent served was detached from the Regiment.

6th Has a discharge which is hereunto annexed.

7th He would refer to most of the inhabitants in his vicinity as at present acquainted with him, and capable of testifying to his character for veracity among whom he would name Andrew Hawkes, Deacon Noah Day, Doct, James Porter, Robert Bradford, and Hannah Spencer. To Hannah Spencer in particular he would refer as a living witness.

In addition to the foregoing he would state that he entered the service according to the best of his recollection and belief in the latter part of May or forepart of June—But cannot recollect the precise day. At the time of receiving his discharge was 130 miles from his residents. When he was first called out he went first to Albany—Thence by a sloop to fort Constitution near West Point. Has no other document of his services except the discharge annexed. (Signed with his mark) John Hale

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid. David Woods Judge &c.