

### **Pension Application for Zephaniah Halsey**

W.28008 (Widow: Rebecca)

State of New York

Cayuga County Ss.

On this third day of July in the year 1832 before me the Subscriber first Judge of the Court of Common Pleas in and for the County of Cayuga in said state personally appeared Zephaniah Halsey aged seventy two years resident in the Town of Fayette in Seneca County in said State who being by me first duly sworn according to law. Doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by a late act of Congress entitled an act supplementary to the act for the Relief of certain surviving officers and soldiers of the Revolution.

That he the said Zephania Halsey at the town of New Windsor he entered the QuarterMasters Department in the service of the United States about the month of October seventeen hundred seventy nine. That he was an assistant keeper of the Continental horse yards so called, under Captain Alexander Church, that he served in that capacity under General Nathaniel Green QuarterMaster General of the Continental Army for about the term of one year. Then continued under Colonel Pickering immediately after his appointment of Quarter Master General and continued to serve under him to the close of the Revolutionary War and was discharged at Newburgh in the year 1783 about the month of February.

That his pay as such assistant keeper during the whole time was thirty five dollars per month. He further declares that he has now no other evidence of his said services except the accompanying papers. (Signed) Zephaniah Halsey

Sworn to & declared before me the day and year first above written. J. L. Richardsen first Judge of Cayuga.

Letter in folder.

Department of the Interior. Bureau of Pensions, Washington D.C. February 26, 1896.

Sir:

Replying to your request for information concerning the services rendered by Zephaniah Halsey during the Revolutionary War, you are advised that he applied for pension on October 6, 1832, at which time he was residing at Fayette, N.Y., and seventy-two years of age, and in his declaration he made the following statement concerning his services: that about the month of October, 1779, at New Windsor, N.Y., he was appointed, in the Quartermaster's Department, as an assistant keeper of the Continental horse yards, under Capt. Alexander Church; that he served in that capacity under Gen. Nathaniel Green, Quartermaster General of the Continental Army, for about one year; that he remained in the same capacity under Col. Pickering, and continued under his command until the close of the Revolutionary war, and was discharged at Newburgh about the month of February 1783; that he ranked as a lieutenant of the line but never received a commission; that his pay was \$35 per month, two rations per day, and forage for one horse.

In a subsequent declaration, dated October 12, 1843, he mentioned the following services in addition to those referred to above: that he entered the service at Bloominggrove, N.Y., under Capt. Moffett, went to Ft. Constitution and served one month; that he went out again under Capt. Tuttle, marched to Jersey line, Ramapo, etc., and served one month; went out again to Ft. Montgomery, under Capt. Tuttle and served one month at the time Ft. Montgomery was taken; was in service when Kingston and Esopus were burned and served one month under Capt. Tuttle; served one month at West Point under Capt. Tuttle; was out again under Capt. Tuttle, or Capt. Moffett, and served one month near the Jersey line; joined the Light Horse under Capt. Eleazer Woodhull, and was out in actual duty one month; that in all of these services last mentioned he was out in actual duty more than six months.

His claim for pension was rejected by the Commissioner of Pensions on the ground that the service he rendered was not of a military character, and he died August 6, 1847. Afterward, however, his widow was granted a pension by a special act of Congress, approved August 18, 1855, for his services as assistant keeper of the Continental horse yards.

He married Rebecca Nicholson, a widow, on February 15, 1798.