

Pension Application for Samuel Halstead

R.5179

State of Pennsylvania

Luzerne County SS.

On this fourth day of November AD 183[?] – personally appeared in open Court of Common Pleas of said county, before the Hon William Jessup—President of said Court now sitting—Samuel Halstead, a resident of Nicholson Township in the County of Luzerne aforesaid, aged eighty years—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 7, 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States, under the following named officers, and served as herein stated.

On the first of June 1779—he entered the service of the United States as a Militia man at Wyoming in Luzerne County Penn'a, under Capt. Jeremiah Blanchard and served in his company a the Lackawanna fort until the 4th of July at the time of the Wyoming Massacre, when applicant, with many others, was taken prisoner by the Indians, and retained by them two weeks, and then released with other prisoners and went to Orange County in the State of New York.

That subsequently in the latter part of August 1781 at Goshen in Orange County, New York, applicant enlisted into a company of New York State troops under one Capt Abraham Westfalls, in a Regiment commanded by Col. NewKirk—for the term of four omonths and served his time out in the service of the United States, and was discharged by Capt. Westfall at Pienpack on the Delaware, on the 25th of December (Christmas day) 1781.

That on his enlistment he joined his company at Pienpack aforesaid and there remained guarding that frontier, until the time of his discharge.

That during the last service, he was not in any engagement with the enemy, but remained in camp, the whole time, with but one exception, when he was sent by Capt. Weestfall, with a detachment to guard a baggage waggon to a place called Nipenock and was absent two days.

That he has no documentary evidence of his service—and knows of but one person who can testify thereto to wit—Ebenezer Stephens.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension pension [sic] roll of the agency of any state to his knowledge. (Signed with his mark) Samuel Halstead

Sworn to and subscribed in open court the 4th day of November AD [1839?]