

Pension Application for Amos Hamlin

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State of New York
Greene County SS.

On the fourth day of September in the year 1832 personally appeared in open court before the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas now sitting Amos Hamlin a resident of the Town of Dunham in the County of Greene and State of New York aged sixty six 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 7, 1832.

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

Early in the spring of the year 1782 I voluntarily enlisted as a private soldier for two years in the New York State Troops, my time of service agreeably to my enlistment to commence on the 27 day of March 1782.

Soon after my enlistment I joined the company command[ed] by Capt. Simeon Newell at Albany and remained in said company until the troops were disbanded which took place the fore part of January 1784 at which time I was discharged. I believe my discharge was dated the 4th January 1784.

The first year of my service Rial Bingham was Lieutenant in Capt Newell's Company he commanded twenty or thirty Stockbridge Indians who were annexed to Capt. Newell's Company and were called Rangers.

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The first year Capt. Newell's company was put into Col. Marinus Willett's Regiment who commanded the nine months men—after the discharge of the nine months men we were formed into a Battalion and were called the New York State Battalion and were commanded by Major Benscouten (I believe his name was John) Captains Peter B. Tearse, Jonathan Parsy, James Cannon, Simeon Newell, ___Wright and ___Conner commanded companies in said battalion. Lieut Timothy Hutton and Ensign Cowles belonged to Capt. Newells Company after we were formed into a battalion.

The recruits assembled at Albany and were marched to Fort Plain on the Mohawk River, from that place Capt. Newells Company was sent to a Stockade fort on the north side of the river called fort Paris, we remained at that place until Sir John Johnson attacked fort Herkimer when we marched to the relief of that fortress.

After that we were stationed at Gen. Herkimer's house at which place we were attacked by the Indians and Tories said to be commanded by Brandt in which engagement or skirmish Daniel Stevens a Serjeant [sergeant] in Capt. Newell's company was wounded through the body for which wound as I have been informed he was placed on the Pension roll as an invalid Pensioner.

In the fall of the year 1782 Capt. Newell's and some other companies of said Troops were stationed at Fort Plain where we lay till spring.

In the fore part of February 1783 the New York State battalion was joined by a Regiment of Continentals (Rhode Island Troops) and under the command of Col. Willett and marched to Oswego on lake Ontario in order to take that fortress from the British but did not succeed.

In the spring of 1783 Capt Newell's company was detached to repair the road from fort Herkimer to fort Stanwix, we were on the road about one month.

In the summer of 1782 Gen. Washington, Governor Clinton and [?] arrived at fort Plain and went to fort Stanwix I was detached as one of the guard and accompanied them to that place.

We returned to fort Plain, after which the battalion was marched to fort Stanwix and we were employed the rest of the season in building to Block-houses, a stone house, clearing out wood Creek and repairing the road, we were engaged in that business until the winter set in, we were then marched down to Schenectady and early in the month of January 1784 the new York State battalion was disbanded and I was discharged, my discharge was signed by Peter B. Tearse Capt. Command't and counter signed Pliny Moore Adj't.

Soon after leaving the army I sold my land certificate to Henry Hart, he took my discharge as evidence and has not returned it and I have been informed that said Hart died more than twenty years since, so I believe my discharge to be totally lost.

In the year 1782 there was part of a Regiment of Continentals (New Hampshire Troops) stationed on the Mohawk river commanded by Col. Reed,--Major Wait, Capts Cherry & Gregory, Lieut Shepard and Ensign Doody belonged there those troops, Lieut Thompson of the Artillery was there I do not know what state he belonged to.

At the time of my enlistment I resided in the town of West Stockbridge in the State of Massachusetts.

I was born according to our family record in the Town of Sharon, County of Litchfield in the State of Connecticut on the 8th August 1766, my birth is recorded in the clerks book of said Town and [?] with our family record.

I have resided in the Town of Durham, Green County and State of New York for more than thirty one years, the place where I not live.

I do hereby relinquish every claim whatsoever to a pension or annuity except the present, and declare that my name is not on the Pension roll of the agency of any State. (Signed) Amos Hamlin.

Subscribed and sworn before me in open court the day & year aforesaid.
William W.B. Hermance, Clerk