

Pension Application for John Hammond or Hamman

W.23228 (Widow: Blandina) Married 1792. John died March 15, 1829.

B.L.Wt.693-100

State of New York

County of Delaware SS.

On this seventh day of May 1818; before the subscriber one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in and for the County aforesaid in the State aforesaid, personally appears John Hammen aged 63 years and upwards resident in the town of Middletown in the County and State aforesaid being first duly sworn by me according to law—doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the late act of Congress entitled “An Act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval Service of the United States in the Revolutionary War.”

That he the said John Hamman being a deserter from the British army joined the New York State inlisted [enlisted] at Ticonderoga and after the retreat of the Americans from said place, repaired to Albany in the said State of New York, & in the summer of 1777 enlisted as a private for during the War into a company commanded by Captain Cornelius C. Johnson and attached to a Regiment commanded by Colonel Peter Gansevoort in the New York State line, that he continued to serve in the same corps, that the command of the Regiment was changed from Colonel Peter Gansevoort to Colonel VanSchaick, until the spring of 1781 when he and two other private soldiers were taken by the Indians in the Northern part of the State of New York, that he remained as a prisoner among the Indians about eight months or more from whom at the expiration of that time he escaped by flight and the first place of security at which he arrived was Fort Plain on the Mohawk River then occupied by a small body of American Militia—that he did not enter the Army again being informed that the war was about ended and that he has no discharge, nor ever received any being unable to find his officers from whom to procure a Discharge.

That he was engaged in the battle at Fort Ann whilst in the militia in the battle at Fort Stanwix in the Spring of 1777 whilst belonging to the militia as aforesaid and also in the battle of the capture of Burgoyne and in several skirmishes.

And that he is in reduced circumstances and stands in need of the Assistance of his country for support. And that besides the subjoined affidavit, he has no other evidence now in his power of his said services. (Signed with his mark) John Hamman

Sworn to and declared before me, the day and year aforesaid. Gideon Frisbie