

Pension Application for William Hanness

W.19699 (Widow: Margaret)

State of New York

Schoharie County SS.

On the second day of May 1818 before me, the subscriber, one of the Judges of the court of Common Pleas in and for the county of Schoharie aforesaid, personally appears William Hannes, aged fifty eight years on the tenth day of March now last past, resident in the Town of Middleburgh in the County of Schoharie aforesaid, who being by me firstly sworn 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 the said William Hannes enlisted for the Term of thirty years in May 1777. At Sidmans' Clover, (then so called) in the southern part of the State of New York adjoining the State of New Jersey, in the company commanded by Captain William Watson, in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Malcolm, in which said Regiment he continued to serve for about two years and six months, when he was transferred to another Regiment commanded by Colonel Oliver Spencer, in which he continued until the expiration of the said term of three years for which he had enlisted—When he was discharged at Morristown in the State of New Jersey.

That he was in the following Battles and skirmishes, viz: he was one of a Detachment commanded by Lt. Col. Aaron Burr at an assault and taking a Picquett at Hackensack; -- At the Battle of Monmouth, where Genl Lee commanded and at several skirmishes with the Indians, particularly at Chemung on the expedition commanded by Genl Sullivan:--

That he is in reduced circumstances, and stands in need of the assistance of his country for support—and that he has no other evidence now in his favor of his said services than the affidavit of John Allen herewith accompanying. (Signed with his mark) William Hanness.

Sworn to and declared before me the day and year aforesaid. (Signed) Herms Bouck

I, Hermanes Bouck, one of the Judges aforesaid, do certify that it appears to my satisfaction that the said William Hannes did serve serve [sic] in the revolutionary war as is stated in the preceding declaration against the common enemy and I now transmit the proceedings and testimony taken and laid before me to the Secretary for the Department of war, pursuant to the directions of the aforesaid act of Congress.

Herms. Bouck