

Pension Application for Abraham Haptonstall or Haptinstall

S.32302

The State of Ohio

Gallia County SS.

On this 24th day of April 1833 personally appeared in open court before the Judges of our Court of Common Pleas now sitting being a Court of Record Abraham Haptmstall a resident of the Township of Raccoon in the County of Gallia and State of Ohio aged seventy two years the sixth day of April 1833 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 the 7th 1832—

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated namely that he the said Abraham Haptonstall some time in the spring or first part of the summer of 1775 volunteered in a company commanded by Captain Thomas Moffett and the Lieutenant's name was William Bradley the name of the Ensign is not now remembered, raised in Bloominggrove Township Orange County State of New York for three months after the company was organized it was marched to a place on the east side of the North River called as he thinks Martneer's Rock and the company were there employed in building a small Fort, situated a short distance above West Point, he served out his time and was honorably discharged, which discharge has been lost by time and accident; the company was never attached to any Regiment but was during the said three months, under the command of Thomas Moffet.

In the spring or first part of the summer of 1776 Phinehas Helms with whom this declarant then lived was drafted to do a tour of duty of three months in the County of Orange State of New York in the militia [militia] of that state this declarant did that tour of duty for said Helms as a substitute under Captain Seth Marvin, Lieutenant William Bradley the name of the Ensign he does not remember, the company was marched to a notch in the Highlands called [Stuts?] Cove and were employed during the said three months in guarding the said notch or gape [gap] in the mountains or highlands in the State of New York to prevent the Tories from having any communications with the British Army and at the end of said three months he was discharged at the plain by Captain Marvin the [ink blot] was never attached to any Regiment [ink blot] during the said three months under the command of Captain Marvin he had a written discharge which is lost by time and accident.

Immediately after the aforesaid discharge and this declarant cannot now state how long the militia of the part of the State of New York he then lived in namely Orange County were called out to build Fort Montgomery upon the north river and Phinehas Helm was again called on to go by draft and this declarant still living with him went for him as a substitute he thinks the draft was for six months but the situation of the county and the army together with the scarcity of man required the men should be retained after their time expressed this declarant was retained about three months as near as he can now recollect-he was in a company commanded by Captain Thomas Moffet Lieutenant Samuel Strong the name of the Ensign is not

remembered the company was attached to Regiment commanded by Colonel Nathaniel Woodhull and General James Clinton commanded the Brigade he thinks the draft was for six months but that he was retained about nine months and after the service as aforesaid he was discharged at Fort Montgomery but does not at this time by reason of length of time remember by what officer.

In the beginning of the summer of 1777 this declarant was drafted in the Militia of the County of Orange State of where he then resided for six months as near as he can now remember, he at first marched on a tour to drive the Indians from the frontiers near Minnisink [Minisink] the names of the officers he marched under he does not now remember as the tour was a very short one.

He was next sent on to the North River and stationed a short distance below Kingsferry for a few weeks two or three does not at this time recollect the names of the officers after that he was ordered to West Point where he was stationed for a short time how long he cannot tell was there placed under the command of Captain Francis Smith the names of the other officers he does not at this time recollect he was after that ordered to Fort Montgomery and was there again put under the command of Captain Francis Smith the other officers not remembered, this declarant was in the Battle at Fort Montgomery on the 6th of October 1777 when the British Army made its attack on the fort and took it by storm after the battle this declarant was taken sick with the measles [measles] and never again joined the army as his six months then about out and his time expired before he recovered his health==

During his last service he was so often transferred [?] one commanded to another and from the great length of time that has elapsed since he cannot remember the several officers under whom he served was in the State of New York during his whole service most of the time on the North River was in but the one battle mentioned aforesaid.

This declarant was in the service on his first volunteering in the year 1775 three months was then a substitute for Phineas Helms three months and was afterwards a substitute for the said Helms for six months but was retained beyond the time was afterwards drafted for & served out six months longer.

The said Abraham Haptonstall was born in the County of Orange State of New York on the 6th day of April 1761 he has no record of his age but has always been told that that [sic] was his birth day he was living in the County of Orange State of New York when called into the service of the United States and continued to live in said county until 1779 when he moved into the State of New Jersey where he resided about eighteen months after that moved back to the State of New York where he resided until 1780 Nov 16th went he moved to Greenbrier County, Virginia, where he resided until about the middle of December 1800 when he moved to Woodford County, State of Kentucky, where he lived till September 1801 when he moved back to Greenbrier County Virginia where he resided until October 1816 when he moved to Raccoon Township Gallia County state of Ohio where he has resided ever since & still resides.

He further states he has no documentary evidence that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify of his service.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state. (Signed) A. Haptonstall.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid. Francis Le Clercy, clk
C.C. N.Y.C.

Letter in file dated January 2, 1936, written in response to an inquiry.

Reference is made of your letter in which you request the Revolutionary War records of Abraham and Isaac Haptonstall.

There is no claim for pension or bounty land on file based upon service in the Revolutionary War of an Isaac Haptonstall. The data given herein regarding Abraham Haptonstall are found in the papers on file in his claim for pension, S.32302, based upon his service in that war.

Abraham Haptonstall was born April 6, 1761 in orange County, New York. The names of his parents are not shown.

While a resident of Orange County, New York, he enlisted and served as private in the New York troops as follow: in the spring or summer of 1775, three months in Captain Thomas Moffatt's company; in the spring or summer of 1776, three months in Captain Seth Marvin's company; from later in 1776, nine months in Captain Thomas Moffatt's company, Colonel Nathaniel Woodhull's regiment; from early in the summer of 1777, six months in Captain Francis Smith's company and was at the storming of Fort Montgomery.

The soldier moved in 1779 from Orange County, New York, to New Jersey where he resided about eighteen months, then returned to New York state and remained until November 16, 1783 when he moved to Greenbrier County, Virginia, and remained until about the middle of December 1800, then moved to Woodford County, Kentucky, and resided until September 1801, when he returned to Breenbrier County, Virginia, and resided until October 1816, at which time he moved to Raccoon Township, Gallia County, Ohio.

Abraham Haptonstall was allowed pension on; his application executed April 24, 1833 at which time he resided in Raccoon Township, Gallia County, Ohio.

On January 12, 1843, the soldier stated that he lived with his son-in-law in; Knox County, Illinois, having moved with him from Ohio, where he resided with that son-in-law; however, he did not give the name of this son-in-law; nor make any reference to his own wife or to the date of their marriage.