

Pension Application for Thomas Hartwell

S.13301

State of New York

Oneida County SS.

On this Thirty first day of August 1832 personally appeared before the subscriber a Judge of the court of Common Pleas of Oneida Co., now sitting, Thomas Hartwell, a resident of said county and state, aged seventy two 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:

That he was born at Fredericksburgh Dutchess Co., N.Y. 1759. Record of age in family bible. Lived at same place when he entered service. Since war has lived at Hoosick N.Y., near [near] Fairfield Ct., now Rome Oneida Co., N.Y.

That he enlisted on the 3rd day of March 1777 for 3 years in Capt. [torn—Philip DeBeviers Co.?] 5th New York Regt., Col. Lewis Dubois, marched to Fort Montgomery and was stationed there until he was taken prisoner on reduction Forts Montgomery & Clinton on the 6th day of October 1777—and was conveyed a prisoner to the City of New York and was confined awhile the North Church prison so called and from thence was placed on board the British Prison ship Jersey where he was confined a long time and suffered the utmost cruelties and hardships.

The deponent was wounded at the time he was taken prisoner. Received one shot through his ankle [ankle] and was bayoneted in his hip and suffered very severely from his wounds.

This deponent received a written discharge from Col. Lewis Dubois after he was released from imprisonment which was lost in May 1786 in crossing the North River at Troy N.Y.—being in his portmanteau which was lost the boat sinking & narrowly escaping with his life.

This deponent refers to enclosed and annexed certificates of Capt Phillip D. Bevier as to his enlisting & being taken prisoner and also to an extract signed Michl Connolly.

This deponent served seven months before he was taken prisoner and was a prisoner about one year and ten months.

And this deponent further says that in Spring or early summer of 1776 was drafted for nine months in Capt. Joshua Barnum's Co., Col. Hubnphrey's [Humphrey's] Regt, Genl James Clinton's Brigade, and marched to Fort Montgomery and was stationed there and at White Plains during said tour of nine months which was faithfully performed.

This deponent does not know of any witnesses now living to prove his services, but refers to the annexed documents & affidavits.

This deponent has had the palsey and cannot therefore write his name as he once could.

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) Thos Hartwell.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid before me. J. Hathaway, Judge of Oneida Com. Pleas Counsellor &c.

Letter in folder dated March 28, 1927, written in response to an inquiry.

I have to advise you that from the papers in the Revolutionary War pension claim S.13301 it appears that Thomas Hartwell was born in 1759 in Fredericksburgh, Dutchess County, New York, names of parents not stated.

While a resident of Fredericksburgh, New York he enlisted in the spring of 1776 and served nine months as a private in Captain Joshua Barnum's Company, Colonel Humphrey's New York Regiment.

He enlisted March 3, 1777, served as private in Captain Philip D. Bevier's Company, Colonel Lewis DuBois' Fifth New York Regiment, on October 6, 1777 at Fort Montgomery, was severely wounded being shot through the ankle and cut on his hip by a bayonet, was captured, taken to New York and confined in the North Church prison and on the Jersey prison ship for one year and ten months, was then released and later discharged.

He was allowed pension on his application executed August 31, 1832 while a resident of Rome, Oneida County, New York, prior to which he had also lived in Hoosick, New York.

There is no data on file as to his family.