

Pension Application for Benjamin Hatch

S.5473

Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7, 1832.

State of New York

Madison County SS.

On this ninth day of October 1832, personally appeared before the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas of the County of Madison now sitting said Court being a Court of record established as such by the laws of this State of New York, Benjamin Hatch a resident of Lebanon in said County & State of New York aged seventy seven years & upwards 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 & served as herein after stated.

That about July 1, 1775 then residing at a place called Fredericktown in the County of Dutchess & State of New York, he was called from the militia into actual service, together with a few others amounting in the whole number to only a Corporals grade, for the County.. That one Najah Yakes or Renajah Yakes was the corporal commanding the [gaurd?] Colonel Luddington—

Declarant [?] I heard of no subaltern officer or cAptain connected with the said Corporal's Guard.

He was home so called in said County guarding [?] in each place.

He was verbally discharged at Frederickstown about September 1, 1775 having fully served out his two months service of enlistment.

That he enlisted at a place then called Frederickstown where he then resided in Duchess [Dutchess] County New York in the company of Captain Anthony Post & Lieutenant Johnston to serve for two years as near as he can now recollect – that it was in the spring of 1776. That he enlisted as a artificer & served at Frederickstown was regularly [?] once a week & b when the British attacked a & burnt Danbury in 1777 he was called out & bore arms—That he knows he served two winters & that he served out his time—whether his name is not upon any now existing roll he does not know. He has no written discharge but was honorably discharged at the expiration of the period for which he had enlisted at Frederickstown aforesaid.

Deponent does not know of any living person by whom he can prove his services now has he any documentary proof of the same.

That he was born in Frederickstwon aforesaid April 7, 1755 as he is informed & believes & as appears in a family Bible now in the possession of Eli Hatch declarants brother & who resides in Bloomfield in the County of [Ontario?] & State of New York.

That since the Revolutionary war he has resided at Great Bennington Berkshire County State of Massachusetts. That in February 1801 he removed from thence to Lebanon Madison County where he has since continued to reside.

And the applicant further saith that he is known to Jno. G. Stower Esqr of Hamilton Madison County & to Rufus Tyler of Lebanon in said County who are his

neighbors & that he hopes to prove by them his good character for veracity & their belief of his services as a soldier of the Revolution.

That he has no record of his age except as aforesaid stated. That he lived at Frederickstown aforesaid when called into service & entered the service in the manner abefore stated. That he has before stated the names of the officers & the circumstances of his service so far as he can now recollect.

That he never received a written discharge or a commission.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present & that he is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state. (Signed)
Benjamin Hatch

Sworn to & Subscribed the day & year aforesaid. A. S. Sloan Clk