

### **Pension Applications for William Havens**

R.4758 (Widow: Theodosia)

District of New York

Otsego County SS.

On this 12<sup>th</sup> day of October 1820 personally appeared in Open Court being a court of record for the County aforesaid William Havens—aged 57 years resident in Maryland in the County of Otsego in said District who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath declare that he served in the Revolutionary War in Captain Fowlers Company Colonel Cortland's Regiment belonging to the New York line and the date of his original declaration was on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of April 1818 on which he has received a pension certificate No. 2632 and I do solemnly swear that I was a resident citizen of the United States on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift or sale or in any manner disposed of my property on any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions of an act of Congress entitled "An Act to provid[e] for certain persons in the land and naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War passed on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818 and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property or securities contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed.

I have no real estate—Personal property consists of 3 swine 1 tea kettle-1 dishkettle 1 spider 3 chairs 1 Table. By Occupation a Shoe maker. I have a wife and 2 children residing with me—Malissa aged 16 years able to support herself. Henrietta aged 13 years able to support herself my wife is a cripple in one hand I am infirm and lame and depend upon my pension for suppor[t]—I now have two small grand children that I have to support. (Signed) William Havens.

Sworn this 12<sup>th</sup> Oct'r 1820 before the court. Geor Morell, Clk

Letter in folder dated January 31, 1930, written in response to an inquiry.

I advise you from the papers in the Revolutionary War pension claim, R.4758, it appears that William Havens enlisted in 1779, and served as a private in Captain Daniel Norton's Company, Colonel Weisenfels' New York Regiment was transferred to Captain Theodosius Fowler's Company, Colonel Philip VanCortlandt's Second New York Regiment and was discharged in June, 1783.

He was allowed pension on his application executed April 14, 1818, at which time he was living in Austerlitz, Columbia County, New York, in the fifty-fifth year of his age.

In 1820, he was residing in Maryland, Otsego County, New York.

He died in September 1833, in Lowville, Lewis County, New York.

The soldier married in 1789, in Spencertown, Theodotia or Theodosia Hunt. She was his second wife, the name of his first wife is not stated.

The widow, Theodosia, died December 20, 1839, in Prattsburg, Steuben County, New York.

In 1820, the soldier referred to the following children: Malissa, aged sixteen years and Henrietta, aged thirteen years and at the same time referred to two small grandchildren whose names are not given.

In 1845, the following were the surviving children: Eunice, wife of Matthias Hoos, aged fifty-nine years and living in Maryland, New York, a daughter by the first wife; Hannah H. Ames, of Prattsburg, New York; and Henry H. Havens, of Springfield, Bradford County, Pennsylvania, children by the second wife.