

Pension Application for Isaac Haviland

R.4759

State of New York

Dutchess County SS.

On this eighth day of February one thousand eight hundred and thirty eight personally appeared in open court, before the Court of Common Pleas for the said county of Dutchess (being a court of record for said county, having a seal and common law jurisdiction) now sitting Isaac Haviland, a resident of the town of Pawlings [Pawling] in the said County of Dutchess in the State of New York, aged eight two years on the twelfth day of October last, who being first duly affirmed according to law doth on his affirmation 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 service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein sated. That about the first day of April one thousand seven hundred and seventy seven he enlisted for one year under Captain Benjamin Fowler at the said town of Pawlings, as a teamster with his team of two yoke of oxen and a cart, that he served out his said engagement and at the end thereof reenlisted for the further term of three months under the same officer, which second term was served by him, and he was discharged at Fishkill in the county of Dutchess on the first day of July one thousand seven hundred and seventy eight and he received a discharge in writing signed by Benjamin Fowler Cap. which is hereto annexed.

That during his said service of fifteen months this declarant was employed with his said team in carting and transporting baggage, provision, lumber and materials for the army to and from various places in the counties of Dutchess and Westchester; from Poughkeepsie on the north, to Peekskill on the south, and from the North River on the west to the Connecticut on the east.

That in the summer time this declarant was principally employed in drawing timber, and lumber from the North River to the town of Fredericks, now Patterson, then in the County of Dutchess, now in the county of Putnam to supply a company of artificers who were there stationed and building and making who were there stationed and building and making gun carriages wagons and other things for the use of the army. This company of artificers was commanded by Captain Anthony Post.

That this declarant at the time understood and believes that he enlisted in a company of teamsters in the service of the United States for a specified term, at each time, first for one year and next for three months; that his service was not under an occasional employment upon civil contract but on actual enlistment as aforesaid in said company, which company was commanded by Captain Benjamin Fowler. The Lieutenant's name was Brooks and this declarant believes but is not certain, that his Christian name was Abraham.

That this applicant at the time of his first enlistment as aforesaid resided in the said town of Pawlings and was then called Isaac Haviland Junior, he father whose name was Isaac being then living. That he was born in the said town of Pawlings on

the twelfth of October one thousand seven hundred and fifty five and has always resided in the same town. He has a record of his age in his family bible which is now at his place of residence in said town.

This applicant recollects the names of several of the Continental officers who were in the neighborhood and in the district where his services were performed, he has often seen Gen. Washington, he also saw Gen. Wayne, Gen. Putnam, Gen. Schuyler, Gen. St. Clair (the two latter under arrest) Major Dunn of Philadelphia.

This declarant in addition to his discharge aforesaid produced the testimony of Nehemiah Johnson as to character and reputation.

And 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) Isaac Haviland.

Subscribed and affirmed to in open court the day and year first before mentioned. Danl W. Beadle Clerk

The affidavit of Nehemiah Johnson was not produced.

Letter in folder dated June 18, 1919, written in response to an inquiry.

I advise you from the papers in the Revolutionary War pension claim, R.4759, it appears that Isaac Haviland (son of Isaac Haviland) was born October 12, 1755, at Paulings, Dutchess County, New York.

While residing at said Paulings, he enlisted April 1, 1777, served to July 1776, as teamster under Captain Benjamin Fowler, and furnished his own cart and two yoke of oxen and was engaged in transporting baggage, provisions and lumber.

He applied for pension February 8, 1838, at which time he was living at Paulings, New York.

The claim was not allowed for the reason that the claimant served under civil contract and therefore was not provided for by the Act of June 7, 1832, under which he applied.

In December 1852, Isaac Haviland referred to the above soldier as Isaac Haviland, deceased, but did not give the date of his death nor claim any relationship to him.