

Pension Application for Marcus Heading

R.4816

State of Vermont

District of New Haven SS

On this 24th day of April A.D. 1833 personally appeared before the Hon, the Probate Court for the District of New Haven Marcus Heading a resident of Ferrisburgh county of Addison and State of Vermont, aged 79 years. Who first being sworn according to Law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision of the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

That he enlisted in the army of the United States in the year of A.D. 1777 in Duchess [Dutchess] County, State of New York at a place called the Little Nine Partners, enlisted for six months, under the following officers—Gen. Scott, Colonel Cornelius Humphrey, Lt Colonel Harkenbanak, Capt Robinson, enlisted the first of May 1777. Marched immediately to New York & remained there and at Long Island till the last of October 1777 till the expiration of six months, then returned home.

The next spring 1778 was drafted under Captain VanDoozer at the afore said Little Nine Partners it was the last of March or first of April when drafted marched again to New York—built a fort at Horns Hook York Island, then marched to New York. While at New York on guard British fleet sailed up the River & fired at the men on guard, passed on & burnt the town called Sopus—soon after were attacked by the British retreated to Kings Bridge, made a stand about 2 miles from Kings Bridge, at which place were attacked by the British, but after a short contest the British retreated.

Was in Gen Putnam's Battle on York Island.—At the time the British took possession of New York Gen Putnam rode up to the [??] alone & said the British had entered the town & we were like to be burned [?] & must make immediate escape the best way possible.

Some time after marched [sic] to White Plains—got there the day of the "Battle of White Plains"—marched from White Plains to PeaksKill—from thence to FishKill.

From thence across the river to a place called Hurley, went several times from FishKill to Hurley & back, then marched to a place called Murdeys Creek, while at the last place the British came up the River & burnt a village (Do not recollect the name) marched again to Hurley—

While at Hurley caught a man by the name of Taylor who was employed in carrying letter from General Howe to Gen Burgoyne had there a letter with him from Howe to Burgoyne owned he had carried thirteen letters. Was sentenced & hung—Marched to Peekskill, from Peaks Kill to West Point—served as above from the time aforesaid till the last days of December 1778 being Christmas when dismissed making nine months service.

The next spring in 1779 volunteered as a teamster—served two months—Drawed stores from a place near White Plains north to a place called "Wrights Mills" to keep them from the British -but they afterwards destroyed - in winter following served

as teamster two months more—Started to go to Montreal with some officers Snow was so deep—had to returned to Albany where was employed the rest of the two months – making 15 month service as s soldier & four as a teamster in the revolutionary war.— was born in the year 1754—have no record of age—lived since the Revolution at “Little Nine Partners”—

24 years in Lincoln county of Addison & State of Vermont—one in Ferris burgh aforesaid. Received a Discahrge but have lost it—have no living witness of service.

The Hon Stephen Haigh of Burlington [???]. Robert Holley of Bristol Vermont are acquainted with me.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present & Declares that his name is not on the pension Roll of the agency of any State.
(Signed with his mark) Marcus Heading

Attest J. Parker. Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.