

Pension Application for Josiah Heath

S.13347

State of New York

County of Tompkins SS.

On this third day of October one thousand eight hundred and thirty two personally appeared before the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in & for the said County of Tompkins, Josiah Heath a resident of the town of Groton in the said County of Tompkins and State of New York aged eighty five years on the sixteenth day of December next who being first duly sworn according to Law, doth on his oath, make the following Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the Act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

That he enlisted in the army of the United States in the year 1775 about the first of August and served in the Second Regiment of Infantry in the New York line under the following named officers.

That he first enlisted at Springfield in the County of Otsego & State of New York where he then resided about the first of August 1775 for four months under Capt. Christopher Yates in which said company Andrew Fink was first lieutenant and John Keyser second lieutenant and [blank] Henry was sergeant and in the Second Regiment of the New York line commanded by Col. VanSchaick in which said Regiment [blank] Gansevoort was Major and Stillman was adjutant, but the other officers he cannot now recollect.

That he met his said company at Canajoharrie [Canajoharie] and marched with them to Albany where they joined their said regiment and marched from thence under General Montgomery to S. Johns in Canada by the way of Fort Edward, Ticonderoga & the isle of Noix—

From St. Johns after a short time's service there they marched to Chamblee where the remained till about the first of December 1775 when his term of service expired and he discharged.

That immediately on being discharged he there reenlisted into said service for four months longer under Capt Brout DeNyck or TenNyck [Barent Ten Eyck] in the aforesaid second regiment of the New York line under the aforesaid Col. VanSchaick but he is not certain whether his Col marched with them to Montreal.

That immediately after last mentioned enlistment he marched with said regiment from Chamblee to Montreal where he remained about one month. When news arrived that Genl Montgomery had been killed at Quebec to which place he marched with his said Regiment and there remained in said service till about the first of April 1776 and till his said term of service had expired when Genl Wooster and Col. Campbell who commanded at that time addressed the troops then under their command & there proposed to the troops whose term of service had expired that if they would remain in the service at that place for one month longer they would be allowed for the one months service and also one month to return home.

That he with said corps remained and continued in said service until the forepart of the month of May when he was discharged & he returned home about the first of June of the same year.

That in the fall of 1776 (he thinks in September) he enlisted as a private in a company of Rangers under Capt. John Winn and Lieutenant Lawrence Gross and was stationed to serve at Cooperstown in said County of Otsego and remained in service there & in that vicinity for about seven months and until about the last of April 1777 when he was discharged from service and returned home to Springfield.

That soon after his return he with all the inhabitants in the neighborhood of Springfield & Cooperstown were drove off & massacred by the Indians—that the applicant after his only brother had been killed by the Indians at Springfield went with his brother's family to stone Roby on the Mohawk River & remained there near one year after which he moved to Massachusetts—

That at various times from that until the close of the Revolutionary War he was often called for some weeks into the militia service and several times for one or two months.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity except the present and he declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency in any state. (Signed) Josiah Heath.

Sworn to and subscribed in open court before the Judges thereof the day & year aforesaid. Saml Love, Clk

Letter in folder dated May 27, 1936, written in response to an inquiry.

The data which follow were obtained from papers on file in pension claim, S.13347, based upon the service of Josiah Heath during the Revolutionary War.

Josiah Heath was born December 16, 1747 in Sharon, Connecticut. The names of his parents were not stated.

While residing in Springfield, Otsego County, New York, he enlisted August 1, 1775, served as a private in captain Christopher Yates' company, Colonel VanSchaick's 2nd New York regiment, marched to Fort Edward, Ticonderoga, Isle aux Nois, St. Johns, and Chambly, where he enlisted and served in Captain Barent TenEyck's company in the 2nd New York regiment, marched to Montreal and on to Quebec, where he was discharged sometime in May 1776. He enlisted September 28, 1776, served seven months as a private in Captain John Winn's company of rangers. He served at various times in the militia; once in the fall of 1778, one month in Captain Downing's Company.

He moved after the Revolution to New Hampshire, then returned to Springfield, land thence to Groton, Tompkins County, New York. He at one time lived in Massachusetts, but it is not shown definitely when he lived there.

He was allowed pension on his application executed October 3, 1832, then a resident of Groton, New York.

It is not stated that the soldier, Josiah Heath, was ever married.

His only brother was killed by the Indians during the Revolution, and he took his brother's family and moved to "Stone Roby" (Stone Arabia) on the Mohawk River, where they remained about one year. The names of his brother and family are not given.

Nathaniel Heath was living in 1832 in Groton, New York, his relationship to the soldier is not shown.

The soldier, Josiah Heath, stated that he was well acquainted with General Montgomery and General Wooster, and that he was at Montreal when General Montgomery was killed at Quebec.