

Pension for Christopher Hedges

R.4838 (Widow: Hannah) Christopher successfully applied for a pension, but his widow Hannah was not successful. Christopher married Hannah January 7, 1778. He died August 29, 1839.

At a Court of Common Pleas held at the Court House at the Village of Elmira in & for the County of Tioga in the State of New York commencing on the first Tuesday in September 1832. The same being a court of Record having a seal & Clerk.

Present

Hon. E. B. Baldwin Esq. first Judge

Darius Bently

Elijah Shoemaker

Joseph L. Darling. (Esquires Judges)

State of New York

Tioga County SS.

On the 4th day of September 1832 before the above named Judges personally appeared Christopher Hedges a resident of Chemung in the said county aged seventy nine years & upwards who being 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 in the fall of 1775 he entered as a minuteman in a company commanded by Capt. Thomas Baker, at East Hampton Long Island for the defence of the Sea Court, and served for about three months as such, was frequently called out in alarms, and once went to New York with a party of prisoners, who were taken from a British vessel which had been case away on Montauk Point.

That in March 1776 he enlisted for six months, at East Hampton aforesaid in a company commanded by Capt. John Davis (who was afterwards a Continental Major) Lieutenant Bill Havens, Second Lieutenant Edward Conkling, and Ensign Sylvanus Conkling in a Regiment commanded by Colonel Henry B. Livingston; and marched to Montauk Point to guard the court against the ravages of the British & Tories; continued there until after the surrender of Long Island to the British in August 1776; then crossed the Sound to Saybrook in Connecticut, where they were stationed some time, thence to Newhaven, thence to Peekskill, thence to Fort Constitution, from whence they proceeded to Fort Montgomery where they were discharged having been in service two or three months longer than his term of service—making 8 or 9 months service at that time.

He was also frequently out in short expeditions of a few days at a time after his said last mentioned term of service expired.

In answer to the interrogatories propounded by the War Department & not included in the above relation he was born at East Hampton on Long Island on the 7th of December 1752. That the record of his birth is kept in his father's bible and also in his own. That he continued to reside at East Hampton aforesaid until about the year 1806 when he removed to the Town of Liberty, Sullivan County NY where he lived about three years, from whence he removed to the County of Tioga where he has

resided about twenty years last past. That he does not know of any person living by whom he can prove his service -- & has no documentary evidence of them now in his possession.

He hereby refers to Rev. Richard Andrus of Erin in said County & John G. McDowell Esq or Chemung in regard to the belief of his revolutionary services where he resides.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state.
(Signed) Christopher Hedges.

Sworn & subscribed the day & year aforesaid. Green M. Tuthill Clk