

Pension Application for Thomas Hempstead or Hempsted

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Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7 1832.

State of New York

County of Suffolk SS.

On this third day of October 1832 personally appeared before the Court of Common Pleas of the said County, Thomas Hempstead, a resident of the town of Southold in the said County of Suffolk and State of New York, aged seventy four years and upwards, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth, on his oath, make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provisions made by the act of Congress passed June 7, 1832.

That he enlisted in the army of the United States in the year 1776, at the same time with Benjamin Payne and others of the said town, for six months, and served in a regiment (the number of which he cannot state) in the New York line under the following named officers viz—Brigadier General Scott, Brigade Major Nicholas Fish, Colonel Drake, Lieut. Col. Haleburt, Major Moses Hatfield, Captain Jonathan Bailey, Lieutenant David Horton, and Ensign Benjamin King.

At the time he entered the service, he resided in the said town of Southold.

He was at the battle of Long Island, and in several skirmishes which took place upon the subsequent retreat of the army. A few days after the retreat over to New York, he, with the regiment marched to Stuyvesant's meadows, back of New York, to oppose the landing of the enemy there; and from thence to Kingsbridge—afterwards the regiment retreated to White Plains; but a few days before the Regiment went there, he was taken sick, and ordered to find quarters for himself is possible; which he did near the camp, and was sick for a few weeks and attended by Doctor Halsey, the Doctor of the Regiment during which time, the battle of White Plains took place within his hearing.

After his recovery he again joined the Regiment and remembers helping to row across the river to Haverstraw. It was here (he believes) that he was discharged; and it must have been in or about the month of November 1776, yet he cannot state the precise time. He served his full term of six months, and his time expiring about this time he left the service.

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

Sworn to, and subscribed the day and year aforesaid. Joseph R. Huntting, Clk