

Pension Application for Nathaniel Hempsted

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State of New York

Chautauqua County SS.

On the 15th day of September 1832, personally appeared before the Hon. Benjamin Walworth one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in & for the County of Chautauqua in the State of New York, Nathaniel Hempsted, aged about 84 years & 10 ½ months, a native of New London in Connecticut, and now resident in the town of Pomfret in the County of Chautauqua aforesaid, who being first 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 month of July 1776, he went into the service at Kingsbridge N.Y. for five months and acted part of the time as adjutant in Col. Swartwout's Regiment of the New York Militia in the service of the United States in the Revolutionary War, and part of the time he acted as Lieutenant in Capt. Pierce's Company of the same Regiment.

That during this service, he volunteered as Lieutenant under Major Logan, and went on to Long Island & was there when Washington retreated, and was the last man (except the Guard) that left the Island.

He again returned to the Island to assist in brining off the guards. He was three days on the Island & was frequently in parties that were fighting with the enemy. He served the five months & was discharged at New Windsor, N.Y. the last day of December 1776.

That in the spring of 1781 at South East Precinct in the County of Dutchess, N.Y. he enlisted and served as Lieutenant in the same Regiment of Col. Swartwout in the company thereof commanded by Capt. Shepard.

That soon after he marched as Lieutenant with said company to Albany, where he was left about four months in command of a Guard of twelve men, having the Continental stores under his care, and sending provisions to the army at Saratoga, once in three days.

At the expiration of the said four months, he and the said guard went home on furlough & stayed about four or five months, when they were again called out, and he this deponent commanded as Lieutenant, in guarding up and down the Hudson River—at Peekskill—White Plains—in Connecticut, & on the sea shore, having a lieutenant's Guard under his command, of twelve men.

He was in a number of skirmishes with the Cow Boys—and he remained in service as Lieutenant as aforesaid, from the time of his enlistment, in 1781, until the army was disbanded in 1783, being a continued service as Lieutenant of two years & several months—and that he was honorably discharged from the service in Dutchess County, N.Y.

And he says that his commission as Lieutenant & all his other papers, were destroyed by fire, when his home at Williamstown, N.Y. was burnt a number of years ago.

That he has no Documentary evidence of his services & that he knows of no person, except his wife whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his services.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatsoever 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) Nathaniel Hempsted

Sworn & subscribed before me the day & year first aforesaid.