

Pension Application for David Hemstrought

S.13371

State of New York

Tioga County SS.

On this 20th day of November AD 1832, personally appeared in open Court before the Judges of the Court of Oyer & Terminer holden at Owego in & for the County of Tioga now sitting, David Hemstrought a resident of Owego Tioga, County and State of New York aged about seventy four years 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 7th 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated.

That he entered into a company in the Continental Line as he supposes the officers names he has now forgotten except that of the Lieutenant whose name was Peter Thomas – the company was attached to a Regiment commanded by Colonel James Livingston.

He enlisted in the Spring of 1777 for a term of nine months. That the army was under command of Genl Gates—That he marched from Newtown then in Albany County State of New York to Schenectady—thence to Albany and joined the main army at Claverack and thence the whole marched to Stillwater; and encamped the Dennis Heights—He was engaged in the Battle with Burgoyne and was one of the party that stormed the Hessian breast work. He was wounded in the leg in the action.

After Burgoyne surrendered he went with the army to Albany. The wound he received was given by a bayonete [bayonet]. He was under the immediate command of Brig. Genl Arnold in the battle. At the end of the nine months for which he enlisted, he was duly discharged but his discharge has been long lost.

In the spring of 1778 he enlisted for seven months under Captain Taylor, whose company with a company of regulars was sent to garrison Fort George on the Lake of that name, in which fort he served the seven months out. He went down several times to Ticonderoga in a boat with provison[s] for the army during that period. At the close of this service he was discharged but has lost the discharge and has no documentary evidence of his service and knows of no person whatever whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service.

That he resided at Newtown in Albany County, State of New York at the time of his several enlistment above stated. He resided at Newtown until he was about thirty years of age and then removed to the Town of Owego aforesaid where he now resides.

That he does not know the month nor year in which he was born, with certainty but supposes himself to be about seventy four years of age. His father died when he was very young & he has no recollection of him, nor has he any record of his age.

That he was born at Schenectady in the State of New York as he has always understood.

That he is known to Col. Asa Camp, Eleazar Dana John R. Drake & John Hallenback Esquires who can testify as to his character for veracity & their belief of

his services as a soldier of the revolution. That he has not visited Schenectady or Newtown, nor seen any of his friends there within a period of more than twenty years.

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

Sworn & subscribed the day & year best above written. Green M. Tuthill, Clk.

Letter in folder dated June 27, 1929, written in response to an inquiry.

I advise you from the papers in the Revolutionary War pension claim, S.13371, it appears that David Hemstrought was born in Schenectady, New York, date not stated.

While residing in Newtown, Albany County, New York, he enlisted in the spring of 1777 and served nine months under lieutenant Peter Thomas in Colonel James Livingston's Continental Regiment, and was wounded in the leg at the battle when Burgoyne was taken. He enlisted in the spring of 1778 and served seven months in Captain Taylor's New York Company. Did garrison duty at fort George.

He was allowed pension on his application executed November 20, 1832, at which time he was living in Owego, Tioga County, New York, aged seventy-four years.

There are no data as to family.

The above noted David Hemstrought is the only soldier of that name found on the Revolutionary War records of this bureau.