

Pension Application for Giles Hickcox

S.2311

The State of Ohio

County of Medina SS.

On this 23rd day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand and eight hundred and thirty two, personally appeared in open Court before the Honorable Judges of the Court of Common Pleas now sitting within and for said County of Medina, Geles Hickcox a resident of Granger, in the County Medina in the State of Ohio, aged sixty seven 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 8th 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated viz. That in the year 1782 he resided in the town of Egremont in the State of Massachusetts, that sometime in the latter part of March or in the month of April of that year (the day and month he cannot now recollect) he enlisted into the service, for a term of nine month's service; and into a company commanded by Captain Ellsworth, the other officers of the company were Lieutenant [blank] Hendricks and Ensign [blank] Shaw; that he joined the company at Livingston Manor in the State of New York, and marched from thence with the company to Fort Dayton on the Mohawk River, passing through Albany and Schenectady on the march, that his company remained in garrison at Fort Dayton for two or three months.

That during the time his company was in garrison at Fort Dayton, Captain Ellsworth was killed in a skirmish with the Indians; that he himself was also wounded in the same skirmish, in his foot; and was confined by his wound, to the hospital for some weeks; that soon after his recovery from the effects of his wound, he marched from Fort Herkimer, which was on the opposite side of the river from Fort Dayton, with the rest the company being then under the command of Lieut. Hendricks, to Fort Stawix, and there the company joined the troops commanded by Colonel Willett.

That while at Fort Stanwix the troops were employed in demolishing the fortification; that after demolishing the fortifications, he marched with the rest of the troops to Fort Herkimer, and remained there for nearly a quite a month, and then the troops under the command of Col. Willett removed to Fort Plain, that soon after their arrival at Fort Plain, the troops were marched to Johnstown and there had an engagement with a body of British Tories and Indians, that during the engagement the field piece belonging to the Americans was taken but that the Americans soon rallied and retook it; that he was in that engagement & that he returned with the rest of the troops to Fort Plain and remained there until sometime in the month of December 1782 or January 1783 and was then dismissed, having served the full term for which he engaged, being nine months.

That according to the best of his recollection the regiment to which he belonged, at no time during the period of his service, served with any of the Continental regiments; that he has no documentary evidence, and that he knows of no person now living whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service, that he was born

in the year 1765 at Durham in the State of Connecticut but that he has no record of his age; that he resided and was living in the town of Egremont in the State of Massachusetts, when he went into the service; that since the Revolutionary War he has lived at different periods, in the following places viz. Simsbury, Derby, Woodbridge, and Granby in the State of Connecticut, & Canadagua [Canandaigua] town of Egremont in the State of Massachusetts, when he went into the service.

That since the Revolutionary War he has lived at different periods, in the following places viz., Simsbury, Derby, Woodbridge, and Granby in the State of Connecticut, & Canadagua [Canandaigua] in the State of New York, and that he now resides in the township of Granger in the County of Medina, State of Ohio.

That he went into the service as a volunteer; that he does not recollect the names of any of the officers that were with the troops where he served except those herein before mentioned. That he never received a written discharge from the service; that he is known in his present neighborhood to Jesse Vanorman, Jeremiah Truman and Isaac Vanorman, William Paul & Nathaniel A. Godwin, who can testify as to his character for veracity as their belief of his revolutionary services.

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

Sworn & subscribed to before me this 23rd day of October A.S. 1832.

Letter in folder dated August 17, 1939, written in response to an inquiry.

Reference is made to your letter relative to Giles Hickcox [Hickcox] a soldier of the Revolutionary War.

The data contained herein were obtained from the papers on file in the Revolutionary War claim for pension, S.2311, based upon the military service in that war of Giles Hickcox.

Giles Hickcox was born in Durham, Connecticut, in 1765, day, month and the names of his parents are not shown.

While a resident of Egremont, Massachusetts, Giles Hickcox enlisted in March or April 1782, served as private under Lieutenant Hendrick's, Captain Ellsworth and Colonel Willett; while in a skirmish with the Indians near Fort Dayton on the Mohawk River he was wounded in his foot; he in an engagement at Johnstown; length of service nine months.

After the Revolutionary War he lived in Simsbury, Derby, Woodbridge and Granby, Connecticut, and in Canandaigua, New York.

He was allowed pension on his application executed October 23, 1832, at which time he was a resident of Granger, Medina County, Ohio.

He died April 2, 1836, place not stated.

Soldier married in 1788, in Connecticut, place, day, and month now shown, Matilda, her maiden name not given. She was residing in granger, Ohio, in 1841. There are no further family data.