

Pension Application for Thomas Hicks

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State of New York

County of Otsego SS.

One this second day of August in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty two personally appeared before me James O. Morse one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in and for the County of Otsego and State of New York being a court of record, Thomas Hicks of Springfield in said County aged— eighty six 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 provision made by the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

That he entered the army of the United States in the army of the United States in the latter part of the summer or in the autumn of the year 1776 with Capt. John Graham and served in the first New York regiment commanded by Col. VanSchaick in the New York line.

That he resided when he entered the service, in the Town of Pittstown, then in the County of Albany, and now in the County of Rensselaer in the State of New York, Lieut Col. VanDycke & Major Yates commanded in the same regiment. Lieutenant Van Rensselaer belonged to the same company and Lieut Henry was the Second Lieutenant.

That this claimant joined the company as its Ensign and was duly commissioned as such. That his commission has been destroyed.

That he served a period a little more than two years and resigned his commission. That his resignation was accepted by Col. Van Schaick & the resignation and acceptance has also been destroyed.

That he was in the recruiting service at Pittstown and its vicinity until the spring following which was the spring of 1777, when the recruits assembled at Albany and he marched with them to Fort George. That they remained at Fort George until the arrival of Burgoine. That the then retreated before him as far as Stillwater. From Stillwater they marched to Fort Stanwix. That the retreat from Fort George was conducted by Gen. Schuyler. That Col. VanSchaick's entire regiment marched from Stillwater to Fort Stanwix, together with some other troops. That the detachment was commanded by Genl Arnold.

That Col. Gansevoort's regiment was at that time stationed at Fort Stanwix. That the British who had besieged the Fort had retreated before the detachment under Genl. Arnold arrived. That Col. Wyncoop then had the command at the fort. That this claimant was sent from Fort Stanwix with the command of a detachment having the care of the tents that had been left by the British on their retreat from the fort. That they transported the tents to Schenectady. That on their way from Fort Stanwix to Schenectady he was taken sick and was carried in a batteau to Schenectady. That after a partial recovery the Physician at the hospital advised him to go into the country for his health which he did and when recovered returned again to the army at Schenectady, and went from thence to Albany, after this he was detached to Saratoga

[Saratoga] where he remained for sometime and then returned home and resigned sometime in the winter having served something more than two years as aforesaid. That in the latter part of the term they marched from place to place several times the particulars of which he does not recollect.

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 in any state. (Signed) Thomas Hicks

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid before me. James O. Morse; first Judge of Otsego County NY.