

Pension Application for Josiah Hinkley or Hinkly

S.15169 State of New York
Albany County SS.

On this 16th day of July 1832 personally appeared before Joseph B. Moore a Judge of the County Courts of the County of Albany and State aforesaid Josiah Hinkley a resident of the town of Westerlo in the County of Albany and State of New York aged 72 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 act of Congress passed June 7, 1832.

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

That he enlisted or volunteered in Capt. Mott's Company and Colonel Swartwouts regiment and Genl George Clinton's brigade of New York State Troops, in the month of July 1776, at Fredericksburgh then in the Country of Dutchess now County of Putman in the State of New York where he then resided. That he immediately marched down to Kingsbridge near New York and there joined the said regiment and continued at Kingsbridge until about the middle of October & then marched with the said company and regimen to White Plains, where he remained until about the 10th of November & then marched in said company, regiment & brigade to Peekskill, where he staid about three weeks, and then went to New Windsor in Orange County New York where he staid until the first day of January 1777 at which time he was dismissed.

Before leaving the camp at that place he again entered the service and joined Capt Abraham Schenck's company and went from there to Fort Constitution near West Point on the east side of the Hudson's River where he staid and did garrison duty one month and was then dismissed. He then returned home.

In the month of April 1777 he again entered the said service and joined Capt Scrivner's Company at Fredericksburgh aforesaid, where he staid to keep guard until the first of August after.

In the fore part of October of the same year 1777 he enlisted or joined Capt Hecock's Company of Militia at Fredericksburgh aforesaid & marched from there in the said company to Peekskill, where he was stationed, and had his quarters in a Meeting House, and continued there until in the month of November & then was marched up into the Highlands where he was dismissed. He then returned home at Fredericksburgh.

About the last of November in the same year he joined or enlisted in Capt Norris Company & under the command of Major Keese at Fishkill Barracks in Dutchess County, and was ordered to take charge of a Continental team and collect forage for the Army. He continued in this employment three months, and was then dismissed at the said barracks and returned home.

In the month of November 1778 he again volunteered or enlisted in Capt. Asa Barnum's Company of Militia at Fredericksburgh aforesaid and immediately marched to New Burgh across the river where he drew provisions, went from there to DeWitts

Fort at a place called Pinpac in the County of Orange as he believes—where he staid (except going on a Scout) until about the last of December or first of January after and was then dismissed and returned home.

In the month of June 1779 he was called out with the militia on an alarm and went with Colonel Fields regiment Capt. Dyckman's Company from Fredericksburgh aforesaid to Fishkill barracks and was stationed about two miles from that place where he staid 12 days and was then dismissed.

He was frequently afterwards called out to keep guard and patrol the streets at short intervals but does not recollect [recollect] the number of times.

That he served as a private in the abovementioned companies & regiments during his service as aforesaid.

He was at the Battle of White Plains in the month of October 1776—

He was once out in a scout when a Captain by the name of VanWyck was killed and a private soldier was wounded.

That he never received a written discharge nor has he any documentary evidence in relation to his service nor does he know of any person who can testify to his service except Joshua Baker who has made an affidavit hereto annexed.

That he resides 22 miles from the City of Albany where the Courts of record are held and that it is very inconvenient to travel that distance to attend the court in consequence of his age and infirmities and that it is almost impossible to procure a clergyman or other witnesses to go that distance to Albany.

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 the agency of any State. (Signed) Josiah Hinkley

Worn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid before me. J. B. Moore
Judge of Albany County Courts.

Letter in folder dated April 21, 1937, written in response to an inquiry.

You are furnished below the record of Josiah Hinkley as found in pension claim, S.15169, based upon his service in the Revolutionary War.

The date and place of birth and names of the parents of Josiah Hinkley are not shown.

While a resident of Fredericksburgh, in that part of Dutchess County which later became Putnam County, New York, Josiah Hinkley volunteered July 31, 1776, and served as private in Captain Mott's company, Colonel Swartwout's New York regiment, was in the battle of White Plains and was discharged January 1, 1777. He immediately reenlisted and served one month as private in Captain Abraham Schenck's New York company, engaged in garrison duty. He enlisted April 1, 1777, and served four months as a private in Captain Scrinver's New York Company. He enlisted early in October, 1777, and served one month as private in captain Hecock's New York company. He enlisted about the last of November, 1777, and served three months as private in Captain Norris' company, under Major Keene in the New York troops. He volunteered in November, 1778 and served one month as private in

Captain Asa Barnum's New York company. He enlisted in June 1779, and served twelve days as private in Captain Dykeman's company, Colonel John Field's New York regiment. He was afterwards frequently called out to keep guard and petrol the streets at short intervals, length of this last service and further details not given.

Josiah Hinkley was allowed pension on his application executed July 16, 1832, at which time he was aged "seventy-two years and upwards", and a resident of Westerlo, about twenty-two miles from the City of Albany, in Albany County, New York. He died September 28, 1851.

There are no family data shown in the claim.