

Pension Application for Thaddeus Histed

S.2315

State of Pennsylvania

County of Erie SS.

On this twenty first day of September 1832 personally appeared in open court before the judges of the Court of Common Pleas for the County of Erie—it being a court of record in and for the county of Erie in that state aforesaid—Thaddeus Histed a resident of the Township of North East in the said County of Erie aged sixty eight 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.

At the time this applicant performed the services herein after mentioned he was a resident of the Town of Stillwater in the County of Albany (now Saratoga) in the State of N. York.

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

That on or about the middle of the month of February 1781, he enlisted in the company commanded by Capt. Durham in Col. Willett's regiment of N. York State troops to serve for the period of nine months.

He enlisted at the said town of Stillwater from thence he was marched to Saratoga at Fish Creek where he joined the regiment of Col. Willett's and was transferred to the company commanded by Capt Silas Gray. We were first employed in building a Blockhouse and a fort at Saratoga after the Blockhouse and fort were erected, we were principally employed in scouting through the country and protecting the Frontiers from the Indians and Tories who made incursions into that part of the country.

Our principal routs [routes] in scouting parties were from the North river at Forts Edward and Miller across the country to Lake George. The distance across the country at this place was about forty miles and the Indians and Tories used to input that country from the North. I have sometimes taken fifteen days provisions on my back on those tours. Col. Willett was the commanding officer at that part of the Frontier.

The deponent continued to serve in that situation as a private soldier until the fifteenth day of November 1781. When he was discharged at Saratoga in the State of N. York and returned home. He received a discharge in writing from Captain Silas Gray dated 15th November 1781, which discharge he still holds and attaches it to this his application. He had served out his said term of enlistment of nine months.

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 in any state.

He has no documentary evidence except the said discharge and knows of no person by whom to prove his services in the revolution.

In answer to the interrogatories propounded by the court, he further saith.—

That he was born at Stillwater in the State of New York on the 20th of Dec'r 1763—He has a record of his age in his Bible taken from his father's Bible.

He removed from Stillwater to Sempronius in the State of New York in the year 1801—from thence to North-East in Erie County rem'd in 1816 where he has resided since—

He does not recollect the names of other officers than were stated in his declaration—

He mentions the names of Mc Narye Spencer, Albert Tottle Esq, John Wilson Esqr of North East and Ebenezer D. Guinson Esqrs of Erie as persons to whom he is known—and for further [?] refers to his general statement. (Signed) Thaddeus Histed.

Sworn & Subscribed the day and year aforesaid in open court.

Edwin J. Kelso, [?]