

Pension Application for Chileob Hitchcock

S.16872

State of New York

County of Allegany SS.

On the Twenty Seventh day of September AD 1833 personally appeared before me the Hon. Josiah Utter a Judge of the Court of Common Pleas in & for said Courts, Chileob Hitchcock a resident of Friendship in the County of Allegany and State of New York aged seventy years and four months—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 this declarant was born at Springfield in the County of Hampshire in the State of Massachusetts on the 27th day of April AD 1763 as appears by an entry in the family bible, and in the Register of the parish where this declarant was born.

That in the year 1778 this declarant's father removed with his family to Lebanon in the County of Columbia in the State of New York where this declarant accompanied him.

That this declarant was enrolled in the militia of said State of New York and at Lebanon aforesaid when he arrived at the age of 16 years.

That in the month of October AD 1779 this declarant was drafted in the militia and entered the service of the United States in Col. Jonathan Whitings Regiment in [blank] VanRenselaer's [VanRensselaer's] brigade—(the given name of this officer declarant does not remember but believes it was Solomon) Gideon King was Captain of declarant's Company - Ezra Lee was Lieut. and Nathaniel Green was orderly sergeant—the militia were marched to Greenbush—laid there three or four days, were then marched to Troy—from thence to Ballston, to repulse the enemy who were ravaging the country, the enemy were composed of tories and Indians, the militia were then marched back as far as Albany and dismissed—served 4 weeks.

That after being home a week was again called out, under the same officers to Albany and then dismissed—served 10 days—

That after being home a fortnight was again called out under the same officers and marched to Greenbush—Albany, Schenectady—and up the country bordering on the Mohawk River and was dismissed after being out 3 weeks.

That in the Autumn succeeding that is in September or October in the year 1780 this declarant was again called out in the same regiment and company and under the same officers—was marched to Troy, and from thence to Schenectady when they were billeted for three weeks—from Schenectady declarant was sent with a party to scout in the woods south of that place for four days—served this time 6 weeks.

That after being home this time for a few days this declarant with the officers and members of his regiment as volunteers marched to Albany, Schenectady and Fort Hunter—served 5 weeks.

That in the month of October following in the year 1781, this declarant was called out in the same Regiment and company. Major Hitchcock this time accompanying them—militia were ordered to be at Greenbush at 12 o'clk next day—

after forming at Greenbush were marched to Schenectady and from thence up the Mohawk River to Johnstown in Montgomery County—at which place a battle was fought between the Americans and the enemy consisting of tories and Indians—Co. Brown an officer in the regular service, as this declarant believes, was killed in this battle—One company of regulars was present at this battle—the Americans drove the enemy back and this declarant and the militia were marched to Fort Plain, and to the German Flats—Schoharie was burn at this time. The militia were dismissed at German Flats—served this time 10 weeks.

Was again called out, and marched under the same officers, to Schenectady and up the Mohawk to Fort Hunter and Schoharie—declarant went this time as drummer—was marched back to Albany and dismissed, served this time 4 weeks.

That in all this declarant served as above stated 33 weeks and 3 days.

That this declarant was living at Lebanon in Columbia County in the State of New York at the time he entered the service as aforesaid.

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That this declarant lived in Lebanon about nineteen years, and removed from thence to Granville in Washington County in this State, where he resided for fourteen years that from thence he removed to Genesee County and resided at Attica, Covington and Warsaw about fourteen years—and from thence removed to Friendship in Allegany County in said State, where he now resides.

That this declarant was drafted or enrolled in the militia in 1778 on arriving at the age of 16 years as aforesaid.

That this declarant does not recollect serving with any regular troops except in the fall of 1781 as aforesaid, and he does not now recollect the names of any of the officers except the Col. Brown above mentioned, neither does he now recollect the names of any other officers of other militia regiment.

That this declarant never received a discharge from the service, but held himself in readiness to come out when called for until the termination of the war.

That this declarant knows of no living person who served with him—and owing to the great lapse of time, the distance, and the uncertainty of finding living witnesses at Lebanon—he has not made search for them.

That this declarant is known to Benjamin Crabtree and to Samuel King, John Kirkpatrick & Amos Thatcher who live in his present vicinity, and who can testify as to his character for truth and veracity and who believe declarant to have been a soldier of the revolution.

That there is no clergyman living in the neighborhood of declarant, but that the one living in the town of friendship, has lived there but a few months and in unacquainted with this declarant.

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) Chileob Hitchcock

Sworn and subscribed, the day and year aforesaid before me. Josiah Utter.