

Pension Application for John Hites

R.5062

Declaration. In order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress of the 7th June 1832. The State of Ohio. County of Holmes. SS.

On this twenty fifth day of March A.D. 1832 personally appeared before the Court of Common Pleas sitting in and for said County of Holmes, John Hites a resident of Hardy Township in; said County of Holmes, aged seventy years on the 24th June last past, 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 enlisted at first under Genl. LaFayette in France, landed at Rhode Island in the year A.D. 1780, marched ton Providence, in the United States; and joined the Continental Army under Genl Geo. Washington at the Long Plains, so called, within fifteen miles of the City of New York—remained at New York till September 1781, and then marched to Little York in Virginia, and was in the siege at the capture of Lord Cornwallis; then went to head quarters at Williamsburg, Va., and was there employed, as an express, to carry letters to other military stations, as I understood the German, French, and English languages, and could on that account better avoid dangers dangers, as it was though by my officers; and then in the Spring of 1782, marched to Baltimore under Genl Rochambeau, and there ended my service with the close of the Revolutionary War, and was out two years in the service of the United States in said War, and since3the close of said War, have resided in the United States and become a citizen thereof, have a wife laboring under the infirmities of age as well as myself and am now unable to support myself and family on account of my extreme poverty.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity, except the present, and he declares that his name is not on the Pension Roll of any Agency in any State. (Signed with his mark) John Hites.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid. R. K. Enos, Clerk

Letter in folder dated September 22, 1937, written in response to an inquiry.

The record of John Hites which follows was obtained from the papers on file in pension claim, R.5082, based upon his service in the Revolutionary War.

John Hites was born June 24, 1762, place not given, nor were the names of his parents stated.

He applied for pension, March 25, 1833, then livin gin Hardy Township, Holmes County, Ohio, and stated that he enlisted in France under General LaFayette, landed in Rhode Island in 1780, marched to Providence, and joined the continental Army under General George Washington, at the Long Plains, near New York City, remained there until sometime in September, 1781, then marched to Yorktown, Virginia, ;was in the siege there and capture of Cornwallis, after which he went to Williamsburg, Virginia, and was employed as an express, as he understood the German, French and

English languages, and in the spring of 1782, marched to Baltimore under General Rochambeau, which was the close of his service.

His claim was not allowed, as he did not furnish proof of service in the American Army, as required by the pension law.

After the close of the Revolution, John Hites remained in the United States, and became a "citizen thereof". He referred to his wife and family in 1833, but gave no names.