

Pension Application for Samuel Hoard

R.5069

Declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress of June 7, 1832.

Form for State Troops, &c.

State of New York

County of Rensselaer SS.

On this third day of October 1832 personally appeared in open Court, before the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas of said county now sitting, Samuel Hoard a resident of Berlin county of Rensselaer and State of New York, aged seventy four years, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth, and State of New York, aged seventy four 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 7, 1832.

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

That in the year 1776 he resided in the Town of Berlin (then known as Little Hoosick) in the State of New York & what is now the County of Rensselaer, that in that year he entered the service as a militia man in the fall, he thinks in October in a general alarm under Captain James Denison in Colonel VanRensselaer's Regiment and went to Fort George on Lake George in the said State of New York. That he thinks he was engaged in this service about one month.

That from this time to the end of the war he was more or less in the service under different officers as a militiaman and served in all as he verryly [verily] believes a year or more but what precise time he cannot now recollect.

That during the period above mentioned he served under the said Captain Denison two tours in one of which they retreated before General Burgoine from Fort Edward to Stillwater in four different retreats this was in the year 1777.

That he also served under Captain Turner one or more tours under Captain Turner one or more tours at under Captain Woodworth one tour at Schoharry, under captain David Schermehorn one tour at Schoharry [Schoharie]—under Lieutenant Hubbs one tour at the same place – under captain Niles one or more tours at Schoharry and also under the said Captain Niles upon the Mohawk river when the enemy burnt the buildings of the inhabitants—and also under Captain Niles at Sarritoga [Schoharie]—That he has at sometimes been called out under a non commissioned officer and joined commissioned officers who were then strangers to him and whose names he does not now recollect—

That he has no documentary evidence of his services and that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his services except what is hereunto annexed.

To the prescribed Interrogatories put by the Court he answers –

1st he was born in the town situate in the State of Rhode Island in the year 1758.

2. Has no record of his age except on a paper in his possession.

3. He lived when he entered the service where he has ever since lived in the same town of Berlin County of Rensselaer & State of N.Y.

4. & 5. For answers to these interrogatories he refers to his statement above.

6. He never received a written discharge.

7. He is known in his present neighbourhood to Jeffery W. Thomas of John Reeve who can testify as to his character for veracity and their belief of his services as a soldier of the revolution.

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 the agency of any state. (Signed with his mark) Samuel Hoard

Sworn to, and subscribed, the day and year aforesaid.