

Pension Application for Jesse Hollister

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Continental Line, Massachusetts

Jesse Hollister of Burlington in the County of Chittenden & State of Vermont being duly sworn says:

That on the twenty first day of April 1775 he was one of the volunteer privates which composed the regiment of Massachusetts troops, commanded by Col. John Patterson—that he continued in service in that regiment until some time in the year 1776, when he was commissioned in the same regiment as an Ensign; and on the first day of January 1777 he was promoted to a Lieutenancy & on the 21st day of March 1782 to the command of a company in the same regiment, in which he continued until the peace of 1783.

That at the consolidation of the Army which then took place, he was returned in service & continued with the army until some time on the month of January 1784 when he was disbanded.

That from the period when he first volunteered in 1775 as above mentioned, until the army was disbanded in 1784, he was in constant & active service, with his regiment & with detachments of it, with the exception of one furlough of about two months only. That in 1776 he was with a detachment from the regiment already mentioned commanded by Maj. Sherburne which was sent into Canada with the troops of the American Army commanded by Gen. Thompson;--that after the arrival of the troops there, a detachment was sent to cover & protect the stores and provisions at a place called the Cedars about forty five miles above Montreal on the St. Lawrence where the party was attacked by the enemy in superior force, & was routed;--that in this engagement he was wounded by a musket ball in the leg (which has never been extracted & which I now at times was bothersome & painful, and was made prisoner by the Indians, but was about twelve days after exchanged, when he rejoined his regiment, that he is not sixty two years of age and is in circumstances so reduced as to require the assistance of his country for his support; and further says not. (Signed) John Hollister

Burlington 4 August 1814. [Just below this date it is written August 4, 1818, which is perhaps the correct year.]

Revolutionary Claim

For the purpose of obtaining the benefits of an Act entitled an “Act for the relief of certain surviving officers and soldier of the Army of the Revolution” approved on the 15th of May 1828.

I, Jesse Hollister, of Burlington in the County of Chittenden and State of Vermont do hereby declare that I was an officer in the Continental Line of the Army of the Revolution & served as such as an Ensign, Lieutenant and Captain from the commencement to the end of the war and until the month of January 1784 in the first regiment of the Massachusetts line of the Revolutionary Army, and that my

commission as Captain in that Regiment is now in the War Office as evidence of my right to a pension under the Act of Congress of March 1818—

I also declare that I afterwards received Certificates commonly called Commutation Certificates as a Captain, for a sum equal to the amount of five years full pay, which sum was offered by the Resolve of Congress of the 22d March 1783 instead of the half pay to life to which I was entitled by the Resolve of the 21st October 1780.

And I do further declare that I have received of the United States as a pensioner, since the third day of March 1826 to the sum of four hundred & forty dollars paid to me by the Bank of Burlington, Agent for paying pensions in the State of Vermont.

Witness my hand this 17th day of June in the year 1828. (Signed) Jesse Hollister.