

Pension Application for Jedediah Holmes

W.7772 (Widow: Hannah) Married April 5, 1787, Jedediah died May 1, 1840.

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State of New York

County of Chenango SS.

On this ninth day of August 1832 personally appeared in open court before the Court of Common Pleas of the County of Chenango, being a Court of Record now sitting Jedediah Holmes a resident [of] New Berlin in the County and State aforesaid aged sixty nine 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 was drafted for a month in the month of August in the year 1778 and marched to Cherie Valley, I served in Capt. Graves 4 Company, Wheeler was first Lieutenant in Col. McKinstry's Regiment that in Sept 1779 he was hired by a class for three months and joined Capt. ___ Cady's Company in Colo Waterman's Regiment and marched to Fishkill and was once sent to West Point but lay chiefly at Fishkill till about the twenty fifth of December same year they were discharged.

That in August 1780 he was hired by a class and joined the regiment at Fishkil under Capt Bostwick's company and Lieut. Calender and in Colo McKinstry's Regiment and sailed in sloops to Albany and marched to Fort Edward and thence to Palmerstown where we were discharged for part of November being three months and that in the first of April 1782 he was hired by a class for nine months and joined the regiment of Colo Marinus Willett under Capt Henry at Albany soon after and we [?] to Johnstown where he was put into Capt Peter B. Tearce's Company they then marched to Stone Arabia and Fort Plain on the Mohawk River. He was soon afterwards put into Capt Young's Company in the same regiment and continued in there till about the first of January 1782 when the nine month's men were discharged.

That during the whole of the above services he resided in New Brittain, Albany County (now Chatham Columbia County) and State of New York. There were some Continental troops lay at Fort Paris which marched off when we arrived there and he does not know to what Regiment they belonged he has the affidavit of Matthew Colkins Esqr who was with him in the same Regiment and the greatest part of the time in the same company and knows of his service in the nine months of the other services.

He has no knowledge of any person who can testify for him

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 with his mark) Jedediah Holmes

Sworn and subscribed the day and year aforesaid. J. K. Pike Clk

Interrogatories

1. Where and in what year were you born. Ans. He was born the 18 day of March 1763 in the Oblong or Nine Partners in Dutchess County and State of New York.

2. Have you and record of your age and if so where is it. Ans. He has no written record of his age.
3. Where were you living when called into service. Where have you lived since and where do you now live? Ans. He lived in New Britain now Chatham and removed to Freehold in Albany now Green County, where he lived two years, thence about forty one years past he has lived where he now resides in New Berlin in Chenango County.
4. How were you called into service where you drafted did you volunteer or were you a substitute and if a substitute for whom. Ans. He was hired by a class at each time he entered the service as above stated.
5. State the names of some of the regular officers who were with you the troops where you served such Continental or militia as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service. Ans. The regiment was generally divided into small parties to guard the different parts and inhabitants and some small fights with the Indians but no great actions or battles.
6. Did you ever receive a discharge from the service and if so why whom was it given and what has become of it. Ans. He has never received a written discharge at any time.
7. State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighbourhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief of your services as a soldier of the revolution. Ans. Nathan Taylor Esqr, Augustus C. Welch, late Sheriff Matthew Calkins.

Letter in folder dated October 14, 1927, written in response to an inquiry.

I have to advise you from the papers in the Revolutionary War pension claim W.7772, it appears that Jedediah Holmes was born March 18, 1763 in Oblong or Nine Partners, Dutchess County, New York.

While a resident of New Britain, Albany County, "Later Chatham, Columbia County) New York, he enlisted and served as a private with the New York Troops, as follows—

From in August 1778, one month in Captain Graves' Company, Colonel McKinstry's Regiment; from in September 1779, three months in Captain Cady's Company, Colonel Waterman's Regiment; from in August 1780, three months in Captain Bostwick's Company, Colonel McKinstry's Regiment; from in April 1782, nine months in Captains Henry's Peter B. Tearce's and Young's Companies, Colonel Marinus Willett's Regiment.

He was allowed pension on his application executed August 9, 1832, while a resident of New Berlin, Chenango County, New York. He died May 1, 1840 in Eden Township, Seneca County, Ohio.

Soldier married April 5, 1787 in Chatham, New York, Hannah Brown. She was allowed pension on her application executed April 9, 1851, while a resident of said Eden Township, aged eighty-seven years.

They had the following children.

Cleveland Homes [Holmes] was born November 10th 1787

Patty Homes was born September 3rd, 1789

Martha Homes was born August 1st 1791

Benjamin Homes, was born March 5th 1794

Mary Homes, was born March 15th 1799

Hannah Homes, was born February 1st, 1797

Mary Homes was born March 5th 1799

Palmer Homes was born August 17th 1801

Hiram Homes was born October 25th 1802

David Homes was born September 10th 1805

Jadariah Homes was born February 18, 1807