

Pension Application for Jonathan Holmes

W.21348 (Widow: Sarah) Married November 1792. Three sons, John, Lewis, and Andrew. Jonathan died February 22, 1840.

Declaration. In order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

State of New York

County of West Chester SS.

On this twenty ninth day of May in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty three personally appeared in open Court before the court of Common Pleas in and for the County of WestChester aforesaid (being a court of record) now sitting Jonathan Holmes a resident of the town of Bedford in the said County aged seventy seven 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 7th 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated that is to say he entered the said service as a private on or about the middle of November in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and seventy six in the militia of the County of WestChester in the company commanded by Captain Sackett in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Thomas Thomas that he continued in the service at that time seven days and was marched on one expedition into the southern part of the County of WestChester and was at the expiration of said term of seven days honorably discharged at or near Bedford in the said County of WestChester.

And the Declarant further saith that he again entered the said service some time in the month of June 1777 in the company of Militia of the County of WestChester aforesaid commanded by Captain Sackett in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Thomas Thomas that he continued in the service at the time last aforesaid in the said company on the American Lines and was at the expiration of said eight days honorably discharged at said North Castle.

And the declarant further saith that he again entered the said service some time in the month of January 1778 in the militia of the County of WestChester in the company commanded by Captain Sackett in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Thomas Thomas. That he continued in the service at the time last aforesaid in said company and Regiment ten days and stationed at Harrison 's purchase in the said County of WestChester and was at the expiration of said term of then days honorably discharged at Harrison's purchase aforesaid.

And the Declarant further saith that he again entered the said service some time in the month of October 1778 in the company of militia of the County of WestChester aforesaid commanded by Peter Fleming in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Thomas Thomas and continued in the service at the time last aforesaid seven days and was stationed at Mamarome on the American lines in the said County of WestChester and was at the expiration thereof honorably discharged at or near Bedford aforesaid.

And the Declarant further saith that he again entered the said service some time in the month of November 1778 in the company of militia of the County of West Chester aforesaid commanded by Captain Zephaniah Mills in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Thomas Thomas. That he continued in the service at the time last aforesaid in the said company and regiment one month and a half and was stationed at Bedford aforesaid and was at the expiration of said term of one month and a half then and there honorably discharged from said service.

And the declarant further saith that he again entered the said service on the first day of January 1779 as a volunteer in the company and Regiment last aforesaid for the term of three months which he served out at Bedford aforesaid and was at the expiration thereof then and there honorably discharged from said service.

And the Declarant further saith that he again entered the said service sometime in the summer of the year 1779 (he cannot state the precise period) in the said Captain Sackett's company of Militia and in the regiment commanded by Colonel Thomas Thomas. That he continued in the service at the time last aforesaid, in the said company and Regiment two weeks on the American lines in the said County of WestChester and was at the expiration thereof honorably discharged.

And the Declarant further saith that he was again in the said service on the lines in the said County of WestChester in the month of November 1779 in the company of militia of the County of WestChester aforesaid commanded by said Captain Sackett in the regiment commanded by Colonel Thomas Thomas ten day and was at the expiration thereof honorably discharged in the said County.

And in answer to the interrogatories propounded to him by the said Court agreeably to the instructions of the War Department the Declarant on his oath maketh the answer and saith.

1st That he was born at Bedford in the county of WestChester aforesaid in the year 1756.

2nd That his age is recorded in his family bible now in his possession.

3rd That at the times he entered the service as aforesaid he resided in Bedford aforesaid where he now resides and has always resided.

4th That he entered the service and served as a private and served as a volunteer.

5th That he never served with any Continental officers or troops and the only militia officers or regiment he now recollects to have served with those herein before mentioned. That he was usually called out on occasion of alarms from attacks of the British troops and refugees then occupying the southern part of said County of WestChester.

6th That he never received a written discharge from the service.

7. That he has no documentary evidence of his service and that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service.

That the names of the persons to whom he is known in his present neighborhood and who can testify as to his character for veracity and their belief of his services as a soldier of the Revolution are the Reverend Jacob Green of Bedford

aforesaid and Benjamin Isaac Calety of the Judge of the court of Common Pleas in & for the County of WestChester—

That 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) Jonathan Holmes.

Sworn to & subscribed this 29th day of May 1833 before me in open court. N. Bayles Clk of said Court.