

## **Pension Application for Jonathan Holmes**

S.17221

Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June 7<sup>th</sup> 1832.

State of New York

County of Clinton SS.

On this fourth day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty two personally appeared in open court before John Palmer First Judge & John Warford & James W. Wood Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in the County aforesaid and State of New York, aged eighty four years the twenty second day of May last, 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<sup>th</sup> 1832.

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

First. That he was born in the Town called the Nine Partners, in the County of Dutchess in the State of New York in the year 1748. Had a record of his age in a little book, set down by himself but about 10 years ago he gave it to his a said son in Granville in Washington County State of New York and has not seen it since.

That he lived in the said Town of Nine Partners, until the Revolution and while at home during the Revolution and some five years after, then moved to Monkton in Addison County in the State of Vermont where he remained about five years, then moved back to the said town of Nine Partners and remained there two years and then; moved to Granville in Washington County in the State of New York where he remained until three years ago last June when he removed to the Town of Mooers in the County of Clinton and State of New York aforesaid where he has since resided and now resides.

That in the last of April or the first of May 1776 in the said Town of Nine Partners he holding a Lieutenant's Commission in the New York Malitia [Militia] began to enlist men and enlisted 13 man in the said Town of Nine Partners and on the first of June marched with them to New York City and there at the bowery joined a Regiment commanded by Colonel Rudolpus Richnaw, Lieutenant Colonel Frederick Warsenfelt, Major Billings the Captain of the Company to which he joined was Abraham Ricker First Lieutenant, Jonathan Hollet, David Felton Second Lieutenants and in this company he this deponent received a commission of Ensign from the Provincial Congress.

That while there the declaration of Independence was read and proclaimed at the corners of the streets, and while there the battle of Long Island occurred, during which his regiment was marched down to the ferry to be in readiness to cross over but did not cross. Soon after the battle the regiment and this deponent retreated 7 miles up the river to the cedars and while laying there he went to New York and drew money from a bank there on the Draft of Col. Richmaw and with some other officers transported the sick to the Jersey Shore the day previous to the entry of the British into New York; after which he with the regiment moved up the river to White Plains

where they made a stand and he was engaged in the battle of White Plains after which he retreated to Peekskill when they crossed the Delaware at a place called EastTown marched down the river to Pucks County Pennsylvania [Pennsylvania] in the month of December when this deponent was sick the regiment crossed the river under Generals Washington and Sullivan [Sullivan] and took nien hundred Hessians on the 11st of January following the time of the soldiers being out, the Regiment was discharged and dismissed in Bucks County aforesaid and this deponent returned home to the Nine Partners aforesaid having served in the said Regiment six and a half months and half a month previous to joined it making in all seven months service.

That after remaining at home 8 or 10 days Captain Isaac Bloom of Colonel Cornelius Humphrey's regiment came and engaged him to go as Lieutenant in his company to West Chester County of six weeks. That he found the regiment at said Nine Partners and marched to West Chester County where he acted as Lieutenant in said company and regiment for six weeks. Engaged in scouting and principally as a guard [guard]. That his and their time was out in March when they were parolled dismissed and returned home.

That in September 1777 the malitia were called out to oppose General Burgoyne and he joined the regiment at Nine Partners aforesaid as Lieutenant in Captain Talmadge's Company regiment commanded by Col Cannot now recall the Colonel's name, marched to Bemis's [Bemis] Heights in Saratoga. That he remained out at this time in service until Burgoyne surrendered after which he returned home. That he was engaged in all at this time about a month.

That he held a commission as Ensign and from the Provincial Congress of New York that he kept it for a great member of years but lost it some years ago. That he has no documentary evidence of the above services and knows of no surviving witness whose testimony he can procure and who can testify to his services.

That he states the names of Robert R. Rood and Samuel Churchill Esq of the town of Mooers afaoesaid to whom he is known in his present neighbourhood and 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 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) Jonathan Holmes

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid in open Court before me (he being blind) Geo. M. Beckwith acting clerk of Clinton Com. Pleas.