

Pension Application for Moses Holmes

W.23320 (Widow: Betsey)

Moses Born March 11th or 22d March 1748.

Betsey Graves born January 18th 1760.

Married June 1, 1780.

Phebe Holmes married Calvin Smith June 2d 1815. Harvey Smith was born March 2d May 19, 1816.

John born Dec 15, 1782.

Electra born October 27, 1784.

Lydia born Feb 3, 1787 died August 6, 1787.

Lovisa born Jan 11, 1789 died June 23, 1809

Harvey born March 28 1791, died May 24, 1791.

Fanny born March 25, 1793.

Phebe born April 24, 1796.

Wm. Moses born June 23, 1798.

Declaration of Moses Holmes, in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June 7, 1832.

State of New York

Genesee County SS.

On this fifteenth day of October in the year eighteen hundred and thirty two, personally appeared in open court before the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas, now sitting in the town of Batavia in and for said county, in said state, being a Court of Record and having a seal, Moses Holmes, a resident of the town of Pembroke, in the County of Genesee and State of New York, aged eighty four years on the 22d March 1832, 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 on or about the last of May or the first of June 1775, while he resided in [Fryingham?] in Berkshire County, Massachusetts, he entered in the Massachusetts militia in Capt. Jacob Brown's Company that John Holmes of Sheffield was 1st Lieutenant, that Rufus Allen was 2d Lieutenant and was in Col. James Easton's Regiment and under Maj. Genl Philip Schuyler.

That his company marched directly to Albany, then to Ticonderoga and was there joined by other companies from Ct. That they rendezvoused at Crown Point. That after he arrived at Ticonderoga, Gen. Schuyler sent for applicant, and having examined his qualifications, took him out of the company and appointed him commissary and gave him charge of the stores—and that he remained there in that capacity until the 26th March 1776.

That on that day he made a settlement of his commissary account with Walter Livingston, Deputy Commissary General for Northern Department and John N. Blecher Esq the assistant and Secretary of Water Livingston—that he was allowed at

that time for his service for nine months and twenty six days. That this settlement was made at Albany and that he was then ordered immediately to Saratoga Falls, to receive and collect provisions and forward to the different posts.

That soon after he arrived at the Falls Mr. Livingston was superseded by Elisha Avery who wrote to applicant to remain at his post until further orders. That he remained there till some time in the next fall in 1776 when he was ordered by McAvery to Fort Ann where he remained till the fort was evacuated, the barracks here burnt and the stores and provisions were destroyed which was on the 8th July 1777—

That Gen. Schuyler then ordered him to follow the army to Fort Miller where he remained three or four weeks.

That he was at Fort Edward, five or six days with his stores, but as the enemy were close at hand, we retreated to Saratoga Falls where we remained some days and then marched to Stillwater and remained there a short time when he was taken sick with the measles and sent to Albany where he remained sick for a number of weeks which he thinks was in October 1777—

That when he began to recover he took some of his commissary accounts and went home to make them out and draw them off. That he remained at home until the winter of 1778 when he joined Gen. Sullivan's expedition to a Newport Rhode Island and was appointed Deputy commissary to Gen. Johon Tyler's Brigade—that Solomon Southwick was Deputy Commissary General in the Eastern Department—that Samuel Chapman was Col. of the Regiment and was his bail for the faithful performance of his duties in the sum of fifteen hundred dollars—that he followed the army 39 days and was entitled to pay like other soldiers and that all the commissaries were obliged to [?] bail, that he went to Newport and remained there with the Brigade and after having served 39 days he went home.

That in the summer of 1779, James Gray, Dept. Com'y Genl for the Northern Department ordered him to go to Coxsackie with the army to protect the inhabitants while harvesting—that he gave bonds as before and remained there more than one month and then returned home.

That he was in no battle except a small skirmish while he was at Fort Miller—that he had sent off, provisions, tallow, hides &c, under the guard of Gen. Nicholson's. Brigade to [?] a fleet of batteaus to Saratoga Falls, that he was exposed to a small scouting party of the enemy about thirty in number who were skulking along the River, when they were discovered and put to rout by a handful of men.

That he never received any discharge form the service and has no documentary evidence of his services except a scrap of his old commissary account which he has found among his papers. That he knows of no person living by whom he can prove his services.

That he was born on the 22d March 1748 in Ashford, Windham County Connecticut.

That since the war he has resided in Tryingham, Berkshire County, Moses about 2 years—in service, same county about 2 years. In Fairhaven, Rutland County Vt. About 7 years in Galloway, Saratoga Co. NY about 3 years—in Milton, same

county, 3 years in Ballston, same county NY 2 years—in Johnstown, Montgomery Co. 3 years—in E. Bloomfield, Ontario Co., NY for 6 or 7 years, in Barre, Orleans County, between one and two years—and in Pembroke where he now resides about three years. That he has no record of his age except a Record which applicant copied from the Bible of his father.

That William Burse and William Cuthbert in his neighborhood, are well acquainted with him and testify as to his character for veracity and their belief in his services as a soldier of the Revolution.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the Pension Roll of the agency of any state. (Signed) Moses Holmes

Subscribed & sworn to the day & year aforesaid in open court. Timothy Fitch
Clerk