

Pension Application for Matthew Hornbeck

R.5231

State of New York

Sullivan [Sullivan] County SS

Before me Thos Crary one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in and for said County personally appeared Mathew Hornbeck a resident of the town of Liberty in said County Aged 75 years who being duly sworn according to law doth make the following [following] supplemental declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June the 7th 1832.

That in the year of 1781 he resided on the frontiers in Ulster County in said State and early in the spring of said year he enlisted in Capt. John Burnett's Company of the New York Levies for nine months to serve on said lines or frontiers [frontiers] to guard the inhabitants against the Indians the men were [were] stationed at different partes [parts] a long the lines and was commanded by Lieutenants and Sargents as Captain Burnett did not remain with his men all the time. Colonel Wesenvelt and Col. Paulings was a long the frontiers occasionally and we were [were] generally under the command of under officers and continued to serve until about Hollodays [holidays].

And in the Spring following 1782 he enlisted again and was stationed along the frontiers and was shifted from place to place at Pine Bush WarrWasunk and Surin Mill and other places along said frontier and continued to serve at such places as was nesenary [necessary] to keep up the gord [guard?] and was commanded some times by Lutenants [Lieutenants] and some times Sargts but cannot recollect all the different officers that he servd [served] under but is confident that he servd nine months in the year of 1782 and that he recollects that he was out under under [sic] officers at the time the news of peace arrived.

And that he has no documentary evidence in support of his services and must rely upon the witnesses that he may be able to procure to prove his services and that he hereby relinquishes every claim what ever to a pension or anuity [annuity] except the present and declares his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state and gives a reason for not having applied sooner for—A pension that he resides in a remote part of Sullivan County goes from home but seldom and short distances has but has but [sic] little means of information and it is not long since he was informed that he was entitled to a pension and having no means within himself nor no person to assist [assist] him until witin about a year since and having then ascertained that living witnesses could be found to prove his services and being far advanced in life not able to labour but Little his circumstances requires assistance these reasons he assigns and has in duced [induced] him to make application for a pentsin [pension].
(Signed with his mark) Matthew Hornbeck

Sworn and subscribed before me this 26th day of March 1838 by making his mark. Thos Crary, one of the Judges of the County of Sullivan Comon [Common] Pleas.