

Pension Application for Samuel Hostford

S.13430

State of New York

Jefferson County SS.

On this eleventh day of September 1832, personally appeared in open Court, before the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas, in and for said County, now sitting, Samuel Hosford a resident of Orleans in said County, aged 69 1/3 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 entered the service of the United States under the following named officers, and served as herein stated.

About the 1st of April 1779 – at Spencertown N. York, enlisted for nine months a private soldier in Capt. Smith's Company 4th Regt New York Line commanded by Col. Wysenvelt, General Clinton's Brigade, thinks it was Continental Troops – marched to Albany to Canajohary block house [?] Lake at the outlet of the Susquehannah River—to Tioga Point, Newton Hill in the Genessee [Genesee] Country—where we had a battle Indians—after the battle through various places to Seneca Castle where we had another battle with the Indians and Lieut Boyd and 17 privates were killed—thence to Tioga Point thence to Morristown New Jersey for winter quarters—Then discharged honorably with a written discharge, which I have lost, signed by Col. Wysenvelt sometime in Jan'y 1780—returned home to Spencertown & there remained till April 1781 excepting two short tours against the Indians under Capt. Salisbury—one of which was nearly a month, the other only a few days.

In April 1781 the forepart of the month, enlisted in the Town aforesaid for seven months in Capt. Lothross Allen's company—Colo Harper's Regt New York Line—performed duty at Schoharie, Canajoharie, German Flats, Fort Herkimer—was then detached and sent on a scouting party—guarding provisions to Fort Stanwix & was then commanded by Capt. Hicks—returned to Fort Herkimer—then to Canajoharie—where in the month of November I was honorably and verbally discharged—terms of enlistment having expired.

In May 1782 at Spencertown enlisted a private in Capt. Wright's Col. Marinus willet's Regt N.Y. Line for three years—joined Regt at Canajoharie—late in the fall went to Fort Herkimer, Colo Willet formed conjunction with another regt cannot recollect the Regt made a Expedition for the purpose of taking Fort Oswego—took with them snow shoes—this deponent was left in the Fort with some Invalids to take charge in the Fort—remained in said regt performing duty at various places and was finally discharged at Canajoharie [cut off] time in the month of November 1783 pursuant to proclamation of Genl Washington, having served about 19 months in enlistment—

The following are some of the officers belonging to the Regt Capt Joseph Harrison, Capt. Cannon, Capt. Pierce, Adj Fonda, Lieut. Pliny Moore of our Co.

In the first nine months service Genl. Sullivan met our Regt at Tioga Point with 4 Brigades—recollects Genl. Max[cut off] Genl Hand, Genl Poor, Dunscomb in Capt. of Light Infantry in one Regt.

Was born in Spencertown Columbia County NY the 12th May 1763—record of my age produced in Court. After the Revolutionary War moved to Boonville Lewis Co. N.Y. —from thence moved into Jefferson Co. NY—where I have lived about 25 years, the last 12 in Orleans.

This deponent saith that he served against the Common Enemy more than [? Cut off] years. That he has no other testimony nor knows of no other that he can get than the affidavits of Frederick Damph, Story Gott and Jacob Hohenbeck, which was procured in 1818 to help me to a pension, but which was never sent. They are hereto attached. Has no documentary evidence. Knows of no clergyman acquainted in his present neighbourhood.

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) Samuel Hosford.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid. P. Burchard, Clerk