

Pension Application for Enoch Hoyt

W.21404 (Widow: Ruth) Enoch died June 4, 1844

State of New York

City and County of New York. SS.

On this sixth day of October 1832 personally appeared in open court before the Court of General Sessions of the Peace for the City and County of New York. Enoch Hoyt a resident of said City aged about 73 years, who being 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 sated, to wit in the company under Captain Ebenezer Slason at Poundridge West Chester County State of New York which company was formed to continue for three months about the latter part of 1775 or the beginning of 1776 and was of the number denominated "minute men" this deponent enlisted the said company and proceeded soon after it was raised to the City of New York where they assisted in building breast works for the defence of said city, they then proceeded to HornsHook near said City and built a fort there, after completing said fort the company returned to Poundridge having completed their tour of duty.

Immediately afterwards say about April 1776 this deponent enlisted in the company commanded by Captain Henry Slason for eight months, which company was attached to Colonel Samuel Drake's Regiment and General Scotts Brigade he was with this company on duty at the Battle of Long Island, and retreated with them from thence to New York and remained in that City the following day and night.

The enemy were then landing at Kip's bay, and two British ships fired upon the City at that place; the American troops then proceeded to Fort Washington, our Regiment lost most of its baggage in consequence of the hasty retreat, this deponent lost all save the clothes on his back and his accoutrements.

The whole of General Scotts brigade and deponent believes the whole army, continued at Fort Washington about a week or more and then crossed over Kings bridge to Fort Independence (leaving a garrison at fort Washington) and built barracks and remained there for about one month; they then proceeded to White Plains and about a month afterwards the Battle of White Plains was fought.

The American troops then marched to Peekskill and crossed from thence to Harvestraw (at what was then called Kings ferry) while at that place the term of our enlistment expired.

Deponent then enlisted again in the company commanded by Captain Samuel Delavan at North Salem Westchester County for nine months, this was in the year 1777 while deponent was attached to this company a skirmish took place at the house of Stephen Ward near White Plains and Major Campbell a British Officer and several of his men were killed – 18 of Captain Delavans Company were taken by the British and 3 killed—deponent continued attached to said Company during the time of his enlistment.

In 1778 deponent enlisted in captain Ackers company in Westchester County and served during the space of seven months.

In 1779 deponent enlisted for three months in Captain Benjamin Steven's Company in said County and continued to serve during that time.

In 1780 he enlisted under Captain Richard Sackett. Lieutenant Mosher commanded said company after Sackett was taken prisoner at or near Rye in said County deponent thinks he served in said company about six or seven months—during the period Major Andre was taken prisoner, deponent was one of the Sentinels that guarded him when he was brought to North Castle.

After those services and during the intermediate times of his service in the Army, this deponent performed duty in the Militia, he volunteered as a substitute in place of Ebenezer Seymour in the company commanded by Captain Samuel Lewis attached to the New York Militia, he continued serving in the militia at different times until the end of the war; he was called on duty at the taking of fort Montgomery at the burning of Sopus at the burning of Danbury, the burning of Peekskill and at the burning of Poundridge and Bedford.

The above statement is made to the best of the recollection of his deponent the precise dates he cannot so particularly remember, but believes they are accurate as far as stated, he applied to Congress in 1829 for a pension, and his evidences of service were sent to the War department, and a bill allowing him a pension passed the House of Representatives in 1831 the subject was not completed in the Senate as he is informed, since the act of 7 June 1832 his papers were applied for, and received from Washington, and this declaration is made in conformity to that act; as the witnesses who have heretofore testified to his services (& which testimony is among the papers returned from Washington) reside in Westchester County, it was not thought necessary to have them re-examined, but the same papers are herewith annexed.

To the several Interrogatories prescribed by the War department this deponent further states.

That he was born at Norwalk in the State of Connecticut, and to the best of his information and belief about the year 1759.

That he has not in his possession any record of his age, and is not aware that it is any where preserved.

That he was living at Westchester County when called into service; after the end of the war he removed to the City of New York and has continued to reside there ever since.

He entered the service by enlisting, as is particularly stated in the foregoing declaration.

The names of the officers under whom he served are also stated in said declaration.

Deponent at the expiration of each tour of service received a discharge, but cannot say whether in writing or otherwise, as he was nearly the whole time engaged in the service under various officers.

This deponent further saith that Lieut William Gailer of the City of New York whose testimony is herewith annexed testifies as to his services, and that the certificates accompanying are made, in compliance, with the forms prescribed by the War department.

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) Enoch Hoyt

Sworn to, and subscribed the day and yea aforesaid in open court. Richard Hatfield, Clerk of the Court of Genl Sessions, New York.