

Pension Application for John Hubbard

S.45399

Dutchess County

State of New York SS.

On this 30th day of April 1818 came before me the subscriber one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in & for the County of Dutchess in the State of New York, John Hubbard by me well known aged 87 years, resident of the Town of North east in the County aforesaid, who being by me first duly sworn according to law—doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the late act of Congress entitled “an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States, in the revolutionary war.” That the said John Hubbard enlisted in this said Town aforesaid in the company commanded by Capt. Piercy (1) of the 4th Regt commanded by Col. Livingston; that he enlisted as aforesaid in the spring season of the same year in which Genl Burgoyne (2) & army were captured—that he was engaged and active against the enemy at that capture—and at the capture of Gen’l Cornwallis & Army at York[town]—also in a variety of other less important engagements and continued to serve in the American Army under different officers from the time of his enlistment until after peace took place between England & America – that he was then in the company of Capt. Dunscomb (3) in the 2nd Regt commanded by Col. Cortland (4)—stationed west of Newburgh, in the State of New Jersey, as he believes—and formed at that time part of the main army under the command of Gen’l Washington—that he received an honourable discharge & drew bounty land which his necessities soon compelled him to sell at which time he also parted with his discharge—that he is now in reduced circumstances, and stands in need of the assistance of his country for support, land that he has no other evidence now in his power of his said services. Tyler Dibblee, one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in & for the County of Dutchess.

At a Court of Common Pleas held at the Court House in the Village of Poughkeepsie on Monday the ninth day of October one thousand eight hundred and twenty.

Present the Hon. James Emett, First Judge

Abraham D. Van Wyck, Thomas Sweet, Enos Hopkins, Esquires, Judges.

Dutchess County SS. Be it remembered that on the ninth day of October in the year one thousand eight hundred and twenty personally appeared in the Court of Common Pleas in open Court the said Court being a Court of record for the county of Dutchess in the State of New York John Hubbard 2nd aged about ninety one years resident in the Town of North East in the said County of Dutchess, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath declare that he served in the revolutionary as follows: That about the year one thousand seven hundred and seventy seven at North East, he enlisted under Lieutenant VanBenschoten’s (5) in a company commanded by Captain Pearce in Colonel Henry B. Livingston’s Regiment of the New York Line of the Army of the revolution for during the war, that he served therein as a private soldier until the new arrangement of the New York line in 1781, when he was placed in the second regiment commanded by Colonel VanCortlandt, and served in said regiment under several captains until he was discharged on disbanding the Army at the close of the War, and that his original declaration is dated the 20th day of April one thousand eight hundred and eighteen and that his pension certificate is No. 2145—

And I do solemnly swear that I was a resident citizen of the United States on the 10th day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift, sale, or in any manner disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions of an act of Congress entitled “An Act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land & naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War, passed on the 18th day of March one thousand eight hundred and eighteen and that I have not, nor has any person in trust, for me any property or securities, contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed to wit.

Real estate, I have none—Personal estate, wearing apparel and bedding excepted I have none—

The deponents family consists of himself and his wife aged rising eighty years, that he is a shoemaker by trade, but from his age is unable to work—That he & his wife have for many years been supported by the Town of North East aforesaid as paupers thereof. (Signed) John Hubbard.

Sworn in open Court this 9th day of October 1820. John Johnston Clerk

End Notes—S.45399—John Hubbard

1. Captain Jonathan Pearce (Piercy, Pearse, etc.) of the Third Company in Colonel Henry B. Livingston’s Fourth New York Continental Regiment. John enlisted as a private for “during War” on May 21, 1777. He deserted on April 1, 1780 and returned to the regiment by July of 1780. FROM: Revolutionary War Rolls 1775-1783, Series M-246, Rolls 70 and 71, National Archives, Washington, D.C.
2. British General John Burgoyne fought with the American Army under Major General Horatio Gates on September 19 and October 7, 1777. General Burgoyne surrendered his army on October 17, 1777.

3. Edward Dunscomb was appointed a First Lieutenant on November 21, 1776, Captain-Lieutenant on April 23, 1778 and Captain on April 11, 1780 all in the Fourth New York Continental Regiment. When the New York Regiments were consolidated on January 1, 1781 they were not kept in the service. There were too many officers for the number of enlisted men that were still in the service. The term used for this type of downgrade is "deranged". Officers were "arranged" into regiments and companies and were discharged when they became "supernumary" or "degranged".
4. Colonel Philip VanCortlandt of the Second New York Continental Regiment. John served in 1781 in Captain Theodosius Fowler's Company. FROM: Revolutionary War Rolls 1775-1783, Series M-246, Rolls 67 and 24, National Archives, Washington, D.C. John served in this company and regiment during the Yorktown, Virginia, Campaign from September 28 to October 19, 1781.
5. Peter VanBenschoten was appointed Second Lieutenant on November 21, 1776 and was appointed First Lieutenant on November 9, 1777, all in the Fourth New York Continental Regiment.