

Pension Application for Richard Hubbell

S.30500

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To His Excellency the Secretary of the U. States Treasury.

Your Petitioner Richard Hubbell would state and show unto your Department that he is a native son; born in the State of Connecticut, on the 4th day of July 1766. That in the year 1781 he removed with his mother to Dutchess County in the State of New York, his father having died in 1776, a prisoner in the Sugar House in New York City, he was taken prisoner at Fort Washington (1)—In Dutchess Cty in the Spring of 1782 there was a requisition for troops, the different companies of the County, in number about 1,000 men, rendezvoused at Fishkill under Col. Weisenfell, (2) each company had to select a certain number of men—your petitioner then being but sixteen years old, with the death of his father fresh in his memory, enlisted in the Artillery Company Commanded by Capt. Moody, (3) in the regiment under Col. John Lamb. He enlisted on the 1st day of April 1782 and marched to and was stationed at West Point until the 25th day of December following, a period, say of nine months, on which day your petitioner was discharged by Lieut Col. Stephens, (4) who signed the discharge, that discharge your petitioner has long since lost—and he is not without any further proof that he knows of except his own oath and some circumstances, which he has stated and will hereafter state, which he hopes may be corroborated by papers in the proper department at Washington. The act under which he thinks he is entitled to a pension from the 4th day of March 1831 was approved June 7, 1832, until this act he did not know that soldiers of his class of service, were entitled to provision—under this act he has not heretofore made application; because he was in hopes that for the little time he has left to live, he could do without it, he had his children living and prosperous, and rather chose to lean his decrepid old age on them than trouble his country for pay for services, he had so long rendered, and for the blessings of good government resulting from which he has so long enjoyed, but his circumstances have changed & God in his providence has permitted him to outlive his child and the comforts he afforded your petitioner and he is driven to ask his country for the little pittance his country by her laws hold out to him—at the time of his enlistment a description was taken of his person—his age and occupation—He was at the time an apprentice hatter, sixteen years old—light complexion—five feet seven or nine inches high, (which he now forgets)—He had a twin brother named Gersham Hubbell same complexion, same age, same height inlisted at the same time in the same company, same Captain same Colonel and served the same term of service & he received his discharge by the same officer on the same day & year that your petitioner did—That Brother Hubbell in the year 1833 got his pension, under the said act of 1832—with no other proof as your petitioner is informed and believes, but his statements on oath corroborated by the regimental and company returns in the proper office at Washington —said Brother resided at the time he petitioned in the State of Ohio—and received his pension at [?].—Your petitioner left New York in the year 1817 and lived in the State of Ohio until the year 1819 when he removed with his family to Boone County where he has ever since resided until a few months past—he has come to live near and sometimes in the City of Louisville, at which point he prays the Secretary of the Treasury to permit him to receive his pension if she shall be satisfied that he is entitled thereto. (Signed) Richard Hubbell

State of Kentucky

Jefferson Circuit [?]

December Term 1837

December 14th 1837.

This day came Richard Hubbell, whose name is signed to the foregoing petition to the Secretary of the Treasury of a pension under the act of Congress passed and approved the 7th June 1832, in Open Court and made oath that the facts stated in the foregoing petition are true to be the best of his knowledge recollection and belief—and at the same time came W.S. Pilcher who is personally known to the Court and made oath that he has been personally acquainted with Richard Hubbell for upwards of seven years and knows him to be an honest man, of Strict integrity and unquestionable veracity and that from his knowledge of Mr. Hubbell he believes and places the fullest confidence in the statements of the said petitioner as given signed and sworn to by him—Also came Henry Campbell and made oath that he has personally known and been intimate with Richard Hubbell the Petitioner for nearly fourteen years, and states that he is a person entitled to the fullest confidence, that he has the most religious regard for the truth in all his statements and intercourse in life and he has the fullest confidence in the truth of all the statement made by Mr. Hubbell in his petition, and does not believe there is an error in it except perhaps what may arise from imperfection of memory in a man of his age—He also knew the late Gershom Hubbell his brother, who received a pension in 1833. Signed W. S. Pitcher, Henry Campbell

The name of Richard Hubbell was signed to the foregoing petition in open court and W.S. Pitcher and Henry Campbell signed their names to this affidavit in open court, Richard Hubbell signed his name with his own hand.

In testimony whereof I J. Marchall sole Judge of said Court have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of my said court to be hereto affixed by Emund P. Pope Clerk of said Court the proper officer and keeper thereof in due form of law—this 14th day of December 1837—John Marshall.

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1. Fort Washington was captured on November 16, 1776.
2. Colonel Frederick Weisenfels commanded in 1782 a regiment of New York State Levies. Richard is listed as follows in: "Payroll of Levies under the command of Col. Frederick Weisenfels who are drafted from his Regiment into the Continental Army for the Month of May 1782."
Names Commencing 1782 Ending 1782

Richard Hubbill	Private May 1	May 31
Month	Dollars Month	Amount of Pay
1	6 2/3	£2..13..4

FROM: Revolutionary War Rolls 1775-1783, Series M-246, Roll 77, Folder 169, National Archives, Washington D.C.

3. Andrew Moody was a Captain in the Second Continental Artillery Regiment commanded by Colonel John Lamb. In checking the muster rolls for this company in the year 1782, none of the levies are shown as being assigned to this company. FROM: Revolutionary War Rolls 1775-1783, Series M-246, Roll 119, Folder 45, National Archives, Washington, D.C. However, in Folder 50, Roll 120 are six muster rolls for these levies and Richard is listed on all of them. The levies were never listed as being assigned to any particular company.
4. Lieutenant-Colonel Ebenezer Stevens of the Second Artillery.