

Pension Application for Daniel Huffman

S.23713

Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of congress of the 7th June, 1832.

State of New York

County of Cayuga SS

On this fifth day of July 1837 personally appeared before the Surrogates Court of the county of Cayuga, Daniel Huffman a resident of the town of Auburn in the County of Cayuga & State of New York aged seventy nine years & upwards who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

That he enlisted as a volunteer & private in the New York State Militia in the month of February 1776 in Captain John Dorland's Company & Colonel Swartwout in Col. Ludenton's regiment & don't remember precisely which, & served alternately at different periods, as a ranger, until the close of the war in 1783; that they were called minute men; that he served under Captain Vanderwater, Major Fish & his Capt. Teunis VanBunschoten's company & Col. Brinkerhoff's regiment, & Col. Roswell Hopkins regiment; that his service under Col. Hopkins in that tour was not less than between 4 & 6 weeks &c.

That his said service under Col. Hopkins was in the latter part of the summer & commencement of the fall of 1779 & that under Major Fish was in the winter of 1776-7.

That further than this he cannot now recollect the precise period of each tour. That such tours were sometimes for a months & sometimes were that the whole time of his said service was not less than thirteen months.

That he resided in Fishkill, Dutchess County, New York when he entered the service; that the country through which he marched & served as along the North river in the countries of Dutchess & Westchester, New York, that in the winter of 1776—7 according to the best of his recollection, he together with about 150 men under the aforesaid Major Fish, started from below White Plains in Westchester County & went to take a picket guard near a fort on Valentine's Hill but did not find them at that place as had been supposed; that there were scouting parties were sent out & on returning some remained behind & he was usually selected together with another to go on to bring them in; that of the regular officers he knew Col Elias E. VanBunschoten & Lewis Duboise; that said VanBeunschoten, when a lieutenant, went to Canada & became afterwards a major & then a colonel as aforesaid, that said Duboise rose from the grade of a captain to that of colonel, both of whom belonged in that section of country.

That he this deponent was born in Fishkill Dutchess County, March 21st 1758, that his age is recorded in his family bible, which he has at his residence in Auburn aforesaid; that he has also a paper in his possession at his said residence, containing the several ages of the family of children of which he was one which was drawn up

during his childhood & which was left to him & still remains in his possession as aforesaid, which are the only records on the subject he knows of; that he continued to reside in Fishkill aforesaid after the war until about six years since he moved to & resided in Ithaca, N.Y. whence he moved to & now resides in Auburn aforesaid.

That he has no recollection of receiving any discharge & if he did it is lost; that he is known to Nancy Woolver who can testify to his having been a revolutionary soldier to his having served in the war of the revolution & to the Reverend John Clark residing in his present neighborhood, credible person, the latter of whom can testify to his character & belief of his services as a soldier of the revolution & that it has been so reputed in the neighborhood.

That the reason he has not applied before for a pension is that at the time of the passage of the act of '32 in behalf of revolutionary soldiers he was comparatively in easy circumstances as to property, & therefore thought at that time he would not so apply for a pension; since when however, misfortune & sickness & bodily infirmity have visited him & reduced his circumstances to that of want, which consideration together with his advanced & increasing age renders him at present, in need of it.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever or an annuity except the present; & he declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency in any state.
(Signed) Daniel Huffman.

Sworn & subscribed the day & year aforesaid. Thomas T. Houf, Surrogate