

Pension Application for Thomas Hunt

W.18083 (Widow: Jerusha) Thomas was born July 27, 1749. Jerusha Woodworth was born April 16, 1757. Married February the 9, 1773. Thomas was a Sergeant, Ensign, Lieutenant and a Captain. Thomas died on December 25, 1818.

B.L.Wt.987-200-Lieut. Issued July 18, 1791.

Declaration. In order to obtain the benefit of the 3rd Section of the act of Congress of the 4th July 1836.

On this twenty third day of June in the year AD one thousand eight hundred and forty eight before me Augustus Bockes Saratoga County Judge—personally appeared Jerusha Hunt a resident of the town of Stillwater in said County aged ninety one years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed the 4th of July 1836.

That she is the widow of Thomas Hunt who in the Revolutionary war resided in said town of Stillwater and was engaged in the military service in defense of his country from the beginning to the end of the war.

That in consequence of extreme old age and infirmity she [is] unable to give the particular incidents of her husband's services but according to the best of her knowledge and belief her husband the said Thomas Hunt was an officer in the Continental Army and served in different grades during the war.

That she believes he was first a sergeant and afterwards an Ensign and Lieutenant and near the close of the war she believes he was a Captain but how long he served in each grade she does not now remember but distinctly recollects that he was absent from home and she believes on duty as a soldier for the most part of his time during the Revolutionary War.

That sometimes he returned home on leave of absence of his commanding officer, that he sometimes remained at home only a few days and at other times he remained at home several weeks.

That he has frequently told her of the several battles he was engaged in and also the different places he was stationed during the war but cannot remember any particulars nor does she know of person living who was with her husband in the Revolutionary war, neither does she remember the names of all the officers under whom he served. The name of Captain Walker, Colonels Cortland, Dubois & Wynsenfelt she still recollects, but whether her husband the said Thomas Hunt served under either or all of them she is unable to say.

She however believes that her husband the said Thomas Hunt was at the battle at or near Fort Stanwix and also believes he was engaged in several of the battles and skirmishes under General Washington, against our common enemy, the British, Indians & Tories.

That she lived in the neighborhood, where the American army under Gates was stationed previous to the surrender of General Burgoine & his army, and was acquainted with Genl Schuyler, Col. VanSchaick and several other officers, who several times visited at her house while the army, was in the neighborhood. And at

other times she with her little children in company with some of the neighborhood & inhabitants who were compelled to flee for safety from their neighborhood and sojourn a while in Dutchess County for fear of the enemy who were expected from the north.

That she believes her husband the said Thomas Hunt has had several Commissions which since his death have either been lost or destroyed by fire, that his sword he carried during the war is still in possession of one of her sons.

She further declares that several years since she was advised to apply for a pension at which time she was unable to maintain herself, she is now dependant upon her children and at their solicitation she is now persuaded to apply to which she believes she is honestly entitled.

She further declares that she was married to the said Thomas Hunt on the nineteenth day of February in the year one thousand seven hundred and seventy three, that the ceremony was preformed by the Reverend Mr. Camel, Clergyman of the Congregational church in said town of Stillwater, that her maiden name previous to her marriage was Jerusha Woodworth, and that her husband the said Thomas Hunt died on the 25th day of December in the year one thousand eight hundred & eighteen and she has ever since remained a widow as will more fully appear by reference to the proof hereto annexed.

She further declares that she knows of no living person to prove her statement neither has she any documents in her possession, that due and diligent search ahs been made in the vicinity of the church in which the clergyman Mr. Camel presided but no records appear in existence in said church.

That she had a family record which a few years since she gave to one of her neighbors to prove the marriage of Mrs. Anna Holmes who was an applicant for a pension & believes her record is now on file in the pension office at Washington to which she would respectfully refer for further proof of her marriage. (Signed with her mark) Jerusha Hunt.

Sworn to and subscribed on the day and year first above written, and believe said applicant to be a respectable citizen & her statement entitled to full credit and further certify that from bodily infirmity she is unable to attend Court. A. Bocks, Saratoga County Judge & Counsellor.

Letter in folder dated March 30, 1938, written in response to an inquiry.

You are furnished herein the record of Thomas Hunt as shown in the papers on file in claim for pension W.18083, and in the claim for bounty land, based upon his service in the Revolutionary War.

Thomas Hunt was born July 27, 1746. The place of birth and names of his parents are not shown.

While residing in Stillwater, New York, Thomas Hunt entered the service in the early part of the Revolutionary War, served as sergeant, then as ensign, no details given. November 21, 1776, he was made 2nd Lieutenant; he was commissioned November 9, 1777, Lieutenant in the 4th New York Regiment, and served until January 1, 1781; he was commissioned Captain November 2, 1781, in Lieutenant Colonel

Frederick Wiessenfels' New York regiment and served to the end of the war. He was in the battle of Fort Stanwix and in other battles, names not stated.

On account of the above-noted service, Thomas Hunt was allowed two hundred acres of bounty land on Warrant No. 987, issued July 18, 1791. If you desire information in regard to location of that land, you should apply to the commissioner of the General Land Office, Interior Department, this city, and furnish that official the number of the warrant, the acreage and date of issuance.

Thomas Hunt died December 25, 1818, in Stillwater, New York.

Thomas Hunt married February 9 or 19, 1773, in Stillwater, New York, Jerusha, daughter of Ephraim Woodworth, a captain in the Revolutionary War. Jerusha Woodworth was born April 16, 1757; the name of her mother is not stated.

Jerusha Hunt was allowed pension on account of the services of her husband, Captain Thomas Hunt, in the Revolutionary War, on her application executed June 23, 1848, while a resident of Stillwater, New York. She died April 7, 1849.

The following names of children of Thomas Hunt and his wife, Jerusha, are shown:

Mary Hunt, born March 22, 1774; died March 28, 1797.

Susannah Hunt born April 1, 1776; died June 25, 1795.

Jeams Hunt born February 29, 1778.

Elizabeth Hunt born March 17, 1780.

Edward Hunt born April 22, 1782.

Pammela Hunt born October 23, 1784.

Annah Hunt born December 3, 1786.

Thomas Hunt born April 4, 1789.

John Hunt born June 27, 1791; died July 8, 1811.

Selph (?) Hunt born August 23, 1795.

Moses Hunt born November 30, 1795; died October 2, 1796.

Moses Hunt born June 15, 1797.

Haley (?) Hunt born May 20, 1803.

The following data appear, also:

Moses Hunt Young, born October 5, 1799, died October 8, 1801. Zilva Wind (questionable, not clearly written) died January 25, 1840.