

Pension Application for Matthew Mulford

S.5800

State of New York

Albany County SS.

On this 8th day of November in the year 1832 personally appeared before me Joseph B. Moore a Judge of the County Courts of the County of Albany and State aforesaid Matthew Mulford a resident of the town of Rensselaerville in the County of Albany and State of New York aged 76 years and upwards who being duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated.

He entered the said service as a volunteer and unlisted in Capt John Davis Company in Colonel Henry B. Livingston's regiment in the month of March A.D. 1776 for the term of nine months as a private soldier, and served at Easthampton in the said Company and Regiment for the term of six months and then hired one Abraham Leake to take his place who served the remainder of his term out as his substitute, and he was then dismissed.

He again entered the said service as a volunteer and enlisted in Capt. Mulford's Company in Colonel Smith's regiment of militia on the first of July 1776 for the term of six months as an orderly sergeant—that he was immediately marched to Montauk Point Long Island and was there stationed and kept guard about three weeks, he was then ordered to Brooklin [Brooklyn] on the West end of the Island near New York City, where he and the said company and regiment arrived a short time previous to the Battle of Flatbush. He continued there until after the Battle of Flatbush and was engaged in that action, after the engagement he was marched into New York and from there up the river to Kingsbridge, and then returned to the east end of Long Island, Capt. Melford's Company to which he belonged was shortly after this attached to Colo. Henry B. Livingston's regiment, and he and the first Lieutenant by the name of David Sears and a part of the said Company joined Colo Livingstons regiment at New Haven in the State of Connecticut, where he remained and did garrison duty and served as an Orderly Sergeant, until his six months expired, which was on the last day of December 1776, when he was discharged.

He was in the actual service of the United States in the Revolutionary War in an embodied corps, and served as a private soldier one month and fifteen days; and as an Orderly Sergeant, six months, and for such service he claims a pension.

He was born at the town of East Hampton in the County of Suffolk on Long Island in the State of New York on the 22nd day of October A.D. 1756 and has seen a record of his age in his father's Bible which is now in the possession of his brother Jonathan Mulford, who resides in Easthampton aforesaid.

He resided at the said town of Easthampton when he returned the said service at both the periods above mentioned, and continued to reside there until he removed to the said town of Rensselaerville where he has lived for the last thirty three years.

He entered the said Service as a volunteer as he has particularly stated above.

He saw and knew Genl Washington and heard him address the Army previous to the Battle of Flat Creek. He also knew Genl Putman, Colo Drake, Colo Hurlburt and Major Box. He recollects Colonel Doakes regiment at the Battle of Flat Creek but does not particularly recollect any other regiment.

Whilst he was at New Haven he served with three other companies, besides his own company but does not remember the names of any of the Captains except Capt Griffin—all were under the command of Colo Livingston.

He never received a written discharge, nor was he in any engagement except the battle of Flatbush.

He is known to Jonathan Jenkins & Henry Stone, and Robert Colvard Esquires Attorney's Counsellors at Law, Abraham Dayton Post Master, Rufus Watson & Joh Rider merchants, Caleb Tompkins, Daniel Conkling Deacon, Asa Woodward, Josiah Watson, Revd. Samuel Fuller, Revd Marcus Smith who reside in his neighbourhood and can testify to his character for veracity, and their belief of his services as a soldier for the revolution.

He has no documentary evidence, nor does he know of any person he can procure to testify to his service except Nathan Dayton who has made an affidavit hereto annexed.

He resides 24 miles from the City of Albany where the Courts of record for the County of Albany are held, and is wholly unable to travel that distance to attend the court. He has recently had a verry severe fit of sickness by which he lost one of his eeyes, and is now verry feeble and infirm. He has not been able to go from home to exceed a mile or two for the last year.

Hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, and declares that this name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state. (Signed) Matthew Mulford

Sworn to and Subscribed the day and year aforesaid before me. J. B. Moore
Judge of Albany County Courts.

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

Reference is made to your letter in which you request the Revolutionary War record of Matthew Mulford, who served from Suffolk County, New York, and received a pension.

The data which follow are found in the papers on file in pension claim, S.3800, based upon service of Matthew Mulford in the Revolutionary War.

Matthew Mulford was born October 22, 1756 in Easthampton, Suffolk County, on Long Island, New York; the names of his parents are not shown.

While a resident of Easthampton, New York, he enlisted in March 1776 and served six weeks as private in Captain John Davis' company, Colonel Henry B. Livingston's New York regiment. He enlisted July 1, 1776, served as sergeant in Captain Mulford's (his given name not stated nor any relationship to said Matthew) company, Colonel Smith's New York regiment, was in the battle of Flatbush,

afterwards marched to King's Bridge, joined the troops under Colonel Henry B. Livingston at New Haven, Connecticut, and was discharged at the expiration of service of six months.

The soldier continued to reside in Easthampton, New York, after the war and moved from there to Rensselaerville, Albany County, New York.

Matthew Mulford was allowed pension on his application executed November 8, 1932, at which time he resided in Rensselaerville, New York; he had resided there for thirty-three years. He made no reference to wife or children.

In 1832, Jonathan Mulford, the soldier's brother, was a resident of Easthampton, New York.