

Pension Application for Solomon Naughton

S.21897

State of Vermont

County of Addison SS.

On the 7th day of August AD 1832, personally appeared before Silas H. Jenison, one of the Judges of Addison County Court, Solomon Naughton a resident of Shoreham in the County of Addison and State of Vermont aged eighty one years and 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 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 (viz).

In the forepart of the summer of 1776 he the said Solomon Naughton volunteered in the Capt Bostwck's Company in Colo Whiting's Regiment in the militia of the State of New York where he had lived, and that he marched from New Canaan aforesaid to Albany from thence to Schenectady and from thence to Johnstown and from thence to Fort Herkimer and was out on s'd tour about one month according to his best recollection and went for the purpose of driving off the Indians and Tories and that they on said tour succeeded in driving the Tories and Indians, and took some prisoners while at Albany on s'd Tour he the said Solomon Naughton saw a Tory hung who had been taken as a spy, but he does not recollect the name of the said Tory—

And that after said tour he returned home to New Canaan aforesaid, and that soon after he returned home he again volunteered into the service of the United States into Capt. Bostwck's Company in Colo Whiting's Regiment of the Militia of the State of New York and marched from New Canaan aforesaid to Albany, from thence to Stone Roby and was there in the battle with the Tories and Indians and that they retreated before our troops, we were under the command of Gen. VanRenssellear and that he the said Solomon Naughton, was out on said tour about four weeks according to his best recollection and then returned home to New Canaan aforesaid and that in the fall of the year 1776.

He again volunteered into Capt. Bostwick's Company in Colo Whittings Regiment aforesaid, and marched from New Canaan aforesaid to Fort George at the head of Lake George in the State of New York for the purpose of opposing the British then marching as it was expected from Canada under Gen. Burgoyne, and after staying at Fort George about a week and hearing that the British troops had given up their expedition our troops had orders to return home, and he marched as far on one day home as Stillwater and there heard that Fort Schuyler was besieged.

We were then ordered to march to that place, but he most days learning that the report was incorrect. We were ordered to return home, and did return home to New Canaan aforesaid and that he the said Solomon Naughton was out on said Tour about four weeks according to the best of his recollection and belief, that Gen. Schuyler was his commanding General—and that in the spring of the year 1777, in the month of May according to his best recollection he the said Solomon Naughton again volunteered into Capt Bostwck's Company in Colo Whiting's Regiment and

marched from New Canaan aforesaid to Fort George aforesaid for the purpose of recovering the military stores and to oppose the march of Burgoyne's Army then marching or about to march from Canada and that they removed the military stores from Fort George—That is what [?] he consistently and that while [can't read a line?] in the march of Burgoyne's Army [???] by the Indians and Burgoyne's troops to Stillwater and there made a stand—Gen. Schuyler was the commissary general—and that he the said Solomon Naughton was at the battle of Stillwater and at Saratoga and [?] at the surrender of Burgoyne he the said Solomon Naughton was taken sick.

He then left Saratoga and returned home and that he the said Solomon Naughton was out on said last tour about five months as he verily believes according to the best of his recollection.

That he was born at Farmington in Connecticut as he has been told & has no record of his age.

That he resided at New Canaan in the State of New York during the Revolutionary War—and that soon after the close of the war he moved to Poultney in the State of Vermont and from thence to Shoreham aforesaid where he now resides and has resided for upwards of nine years past.

That he has no documentary evidence and that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his services.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state. (Signed with his mark) Solomon Naughton.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid before me. Silas H. Jenison, Judge of Addison County Court.

Letter in folder dated January 29, 1936, written in response to an inquiry.

Reference is made to your letter in which you request the Revolutionary War record of Solomon Naughton or Norton, born May 12, 1757, son of James Norton and his wife, Mary (Barnes) Norton, married April 17, 1774, Sarah Rexford and died at "Villenour" in 1837.

You are furnished herein the record of the only soldier named Solomon Naughton, under any spelling, found in the Revolutionary War records of this office. The data therein were obtained from the papers on file in pension claim, S.21897, based upon his service in the Revolution.

Solomon Naughton was born in Farmington, Connecticut; the date of his birth and names of parents are not given.

While residing in New Canaan, New York, Solomon Naughton volunteered early in the summer of 1776 and served one month as private in Captain Bostwick's company, Colonel Whiting's New York regiment on an expedition against the Tories and Indians, after which he returned home. He volunteered in the fall of 1776 and served four weeks as private in Captain Bostwick's company, Colonel Whiting's New York regiment. He volunteered in May, 1777, served as private in Captain Bostwick's company, Colonel Whiting's New York regiment and was in the battles of Stillwater

and Saratoga, length of this tour five months. He volunteered, date not stated, and served a tour of four weeks as private in Captain Bostwick's company, Colonel Whiting's New York regiment, and was in the battle of Stone Arabia.

Soon after the Revolution the soldier moved to Poultney Vermont, and from there, to Shoreham, Addison County, Vermont, about 1823.

Solomon Naughton was allowed pension on his application executed August 7, 1832, at which time he was aged "eighty-one years and upwards" and was living in Shoreham, Addison County, Vermont. He signed Solomon Naughton.

In 1837, the soldier was resident of Chautauqua County, New York, with post office at Hanover.

There are no family data shown in the claim.