

Pension Application for Joel Thompson

W.2489 (Widow: Amy)

B.L.Wt.29029-160-55

State of New York

County of Chenango SS.

On this twelfth day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred thirty three personally appeared in open Court it being a court of Common Pleas held before Smith M. Purdy, Levi Bigelow, Nathan Taylor, Hezekiah Reid & Charity York, Judges of said court no sitting, Joel Thompson, a resident of the town of Sherburne in the County of Chenango & State of New York, aged seventy two (72) years, 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.

In April 1779, he was drafted in the town of Stamford for four months, in a company commanded by Captain Smith Sutherland of Stamford, Lieut Stephen Haight of same place. Ensign Ingals soon after being drafted, he was ordered to fort Independence on the East River of the Hudson River. Went down with his company in a Sloop remained there until his term of service had expired & was verbally discharge.

There as one company stationed there besides the one who which he belonged— does not recollect any officers there except those above named. Thinks there was no Colonel or Major there.

In the fall of 1779 he was drafted at the place above mentioned for two months. L Was ordered to FishKill on the Hudson River – was attached to a company commanded by Captain Robert Sutherland of Amenia, Dutchess County N.Y. does not recollect the name of the Lieut or Ensign Col. Brinton Payne, commanded the forces and Theodorus Bailey was Adjutant. The enemy was expected to come up the river— Remained there till his time expired and was verbally discharged. There was one Regiment at the place.

In May 1780 he was drafted at the same place above mentioned, and ordered to the town of Poughkeepsie, was under the command of Lieut. Stephen Haight of Stamford, was drafted for the tem of two months.

There were but a small number there—say 15 or 20 men—was stationed to guard the public stores & the Jail in which a number of Tories were confined. Remained there until his time was out and was discharged as before, verbally. No commissioned officers there except a Lieutenant.

He further states that he cannot procure a clergyman to testify in court without much expense & trouble. The only clergyman he could procure resides about twelve miles from the court house.

That he has no documentary evidence of the above named services, except the annexed affidavit of Josiah Purdy, and he knows of no other person whose testimony he can procure, who can testify to his service.

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) Joel Thompson

Sworn to & subscribed the day and year aforesaid. P. B. Rindle Dep Clerk

Letter in folder dated August 4, 1936, written in response to an inquiry.

Reference is made to your letter in which you request information in regard to Joel Thompson who served in the Revolutionary War from Chenango County, New York.

The data which follow were obtained from papers on file in pension claim, W.2489, based upon the service of Joel Thompson in the Revolutionary War.

Joel Thompson was born October 3, 1760 at Stamford, Dutchess County, New York; the names of his parents are not given.

While residing in said Stamford, he enlisted sometime in April 1779, and served four months in Captain Smith Sutherland's New York company, and was stationed at Fort Independence. He enlisted in the fall of 1779, served two months in Captain Roger Sutherland's Company, Colonel Brinton Paine's New York Regiment, was stationed at Fishkill. He enlisted sometime in May, 1780, served two months under Lieutenant Stephen Haight, guarding public stores and the jail at Poughkeepsie.

He moved from Stamford to Duanesburg, New York, where he lived about ten years, and from there went to Sherburne, Chenango County, New York.

He was allowed pension on; his application executed, February 12, 1833, then living in Sherburne, New York.

Joel Thompson married November 9, 1835 in Smyrna, Chenango County, New York, Amy or Amey Weeks or Werks. He died February 8, 1843 in Brooklyn.

His widow, Amy Thompson, was allowed pension on her application executed July 6, 1853, at which time she was sixty-six years of age and living in Norwich, Chenango County, New York. She was still residing there in 1855.

It is not shown that they had children.

In 1840 Samuel S. Thompson was of Dutchess County, New York, and James Thompson in 1853 was of Chenango County, New York. It is not stated that they were related to the soldier, or that they were related to each other.