

Pension Application for Charles Townsend

W,19463 (Widow: Hannah) Hannah Hall and Charles Townsend married April 7, 1782. Charles was born 16 April 1760 at Frederickstown, Dutchess County, New York. Charles died June 11, 1839.

Various entries recorded on many scraps of paper.

Levi Hall and Margaret Cole was married January 1, 1732.

Hannah Hall was born October 1, 1795.

Daniel Hall was born in December 22 1796

Jane Hall 2nd was born July 22, 1825.

Margaret Hall was born on Monday the 16 June 1828.

John Johnson was born in the year 1792, July the 28.

Hannah Johnson was born in the year 1794, November 9.

John Johnson & Hannah Johnson was married October 24, 1811.

Nicholas Johnson was born in the year 1813, January 30.

Hannah Johnson was born in the year 1813 July 18.

John L. Johnson was born March 19 1816.

James Johnson was born March 13, 1818.

Polly Johnson was born October 13 1819.

Polly Johnson died January 12, 1820 7 months 29 days.

Amarilla Johnson was born Oct 5, 1821.

Hannah Townsend was born 9 November 1794. Eber Townsend was a brother.

Hannah Townsend Johnston or Johnson was the wife of John Johnston or Johnson.

Hannah says in her deposition that her father and mother had five children older than she.

Hannah and Charles were married on our about the 7 April 1781. Hannah and Charles had a daughter named Annaney, [Hannah?] a son named Eber,

State of New York

Sullivan County SS.

On the ninth day of October 1832 personally appeared before the Court of Common Pleas of said County of Sullivan, Charles Townsend, a resident of the town of Neversink in said County of Sullivan & State of New York aged seventy two 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 provision made by the act of Congress passed June 7, 1832.

That he was born as he has always understood & believes on the 16th day of April 1760 at Frederickstown, then in Dutchess County, New York—and resided there until he was about 21 years old—From there he removed to Sussex County, New Jersey, and remained there about 12 years, from whence he removed to Neversink Sullivan County, where he has since resided & now resides except about six years, which time he spent at Cobleskill, Schoharie County, New York. That he does not know of any record of his age.

That on the 6th day of October 1777 he entered into a volunteer Company of Militia in the Continental Army at Peekskill, WestChester County New York under

Captain Comfort Luddington. The first Lieutenant was named Isaac Townsend. The company was ordered to Cross the Hudson River to Fort Montgomery, and had started for that purpose, when orders were received from General Putnam not to cross. They marched back to where they had started from & remained there about a fortnight. They then returned to their homes. During this time a Colonel Henry Luddington was in command.

The next season the company of militia to which he belonged, in Frederickstown, commanded by Capt. Hezekiah Mead, was called out and he marched with the company to Fishkill Dutchess County. The British vessels & army were then along the river. The Lieutenants of the Company at this time were Elijah Fuller & Solomon Hopkins. They were all under Col. Luddington & Col Vanderbush, and after reining about two weeks at Fishkill they marched to Crum Pond, and remained there about four weeks. The county hereabouts was during this time in constant alarm. These troops were then dismissed and he again returned home.

The succeeding fall, he was again called out and marched to Crum Pond, under the same officers, where they were engaged as a scouting party, and traversed the Country thereabouts as a guard for the period of six weeks, and then was again dismissed and went home. The ensuing spring or winter was called out and marched to White Plains under Captain Mead and Colonel Luddington. This was after Danbury as burnt. He had been marched to Danbury, at the time the same was burnt, land was then out under Captain Waterbury & Colonel Townsend.

At the time he was at Danbury, he was in service about 2 weeks—At White Plains was in service about a month. During the year 1778 (as he thinks) he enlisted for nine months under Captain Elijah Townsend and marched to White Plains in which neighborhood the company remained and he remained as one of the company until the expiration of the 9 months.

The Colonel's name was Morris Graham. During this 9 months, General Gates was there & Washington with his army. John Bury & William Cantine were lieutenants of the company. While at White Plains he was drafted into a company of infantry and served as such. After the expiration of the nine months he returned home—He was out as a teamster in employ of government, also during the war for several weeks.

That he whole team of service, excluding teaming was about fourteen months. That he never received any regular discharge, nor has he any documentary evidence of any kind, and knows of no person now living who can testify to his service.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity, except the present. And he declares that he name is not on the pension roll of any agency in any state. That there is no clergyman residing in the town of Neversink where he resides, but he is well known to the people of the vicinity where he lives. (Signed) Charles Townsend

Sworn & subscribed the day & year aforesaid. P. Pelton, Judge of County Courts