

Pension Application for William Hankerson

S.37092

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

I William Hankerson aged sixty two years, born in Boston in Massachusetts, a citizen of the United States, now resident in Bradfield in the District of Main, upon such testify and declare that in March 1776 I enlisted as a private soldier into the service of the U. States, in the war of the revolution, upon the Continental establishment, for the period of nine months, in the company commanded by Capt. Coggeshall Olney and regiment, commanded by Col. Hitchcock of the Rhode Island line.

This period I fully served out, and when [in] December 1776, I immediately again enlisted as a private soldier in the service of the U. States, against the common enemy, upon the Continental establishment for the period of three years, in the company commanded by Capt. Leviere and regiment commanded by Col. Dubois of the New York line, and Gen'l Clinton's brigade. This period I fully served out, but the last six or eight months of my time, I served in a light infantry company commanded by Capt. Johnson of the same regiment.

On the first day of January 1780, I took my final and honorable discharge from this army at Morristown, after having served herein three years and nine months. My discharge I have [? Hole in document] I was [?hole in document] on Long Island, in battle at Harlem Heights, and at the battle in fort Montgomery.

I was in the Indian expedition under General Sullivan.

I am in reduced circumstances, have but little property, depend principally upon my lads for support, of which I can now do little by reason of infirmities arising from an injury in the back, having had the heel string of my left foot cut off, and being a [burst?] man, and by reason also of age; and I am in need of the bounty of the government.

And I do hereby relinquish all my claim to every pension heretofore allowed me by the laws of the U. States, if any; but I am not to my knowledge, no one or any pension list whatsoever, I request that I may be put upon the pension list of the District of Maine. (Signed) William Handerson.

Connecticut of Massachusetts

Kennebec SS.

On the sixth day of April AD 1818, William Hankerson above named, after having been carefully examined, made oath to the truth of the foregoing declaration by him subscribed before me. Nathan Weston, Jun. Chief Justice C. Court C. Pleas second Eastern Circuit.

Letter in folder dated July 9, 1926, written in response to an inquiry.

I have to advise you from the papers in the Revolutionary War pension claim S.37092, it appears that William Hankerson was born in Boston, Mass date not stated.

He enlisted in March 1776 and served nine months as private in Captain Coggeshall Olney's Company, Colonel Hitchcock's Rhode Island Regiment, and was in the battles of Long Island, land Harlem Heights.

He enlisted in December 11776 and served three years as private in Captains Bevier's and Johnson's Companies, Colonel Dubois' New York Regiment, and was in the battles of Fort Montgomery, and the Indian Expedition under General Sullivan.

He was allowed pension on his application executed April 6, 1818, while a resident of Readville, Kennebec County, Maine, aged sixty-two years.

In 1820, soldier referred to his son, his name and age were not stated, and there is no further data on file as to family.

The above noted William Handerson is the only soldier of that name found on the Revolutionary War records of this Bureau.