

Pension Application for Ezekiel Harris

W.17978 (Widow: Elizabeth) Married latter part of June 1781. Ezekiel died June 26, 1837.

Amendments to Annexed Declaration.

State of New York

County of WestChester SS.

Be it known that on this fourteenth day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty personally appeared before me Edward Hency's one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in and for the said County of WestChester of the degree of Counsellor in the Supreme Court of said State Ezekiel Harris a resident of the town of Bedford in the said County aged seventy six years who being by me first duly affirmed according to law doth on his affirmation say that he is the identical Ezekiel Harris in the Annexed declaration for a pension named and who made the same in manner form and effect as is therein set forth and that the same declaration is in all respects true.

And the deponent further saith in Amendment to the said Declaration and with respect to his term of ten days served in 1775 at White Plains that the same was in the company under the command of captain Richard Sackett and in the Regiment under the command of Col. Thomas Thomas; that he served the said ten day in the said company and regiment in actual service as a private and that the greater part of the said regiment was in the service at the time and place aforesaid and that the said company and regiment were duly organized & embodied and commanded by the officers above mentioned.

And the affiant further saith in Amendment to his service declaration and with respect to the term of service of four weeks in the year 1775 in the company under the command of Captain Jesse Holly in the Regiment then commanded by Lieutenant Colonel Budd as set forth in his annexed declaration.

That he was in actual service during the said term of four weeks as a private; that the Regiment then commanded by Lieutenant Colonel Budd was the Regiment of Militia of which Thomas Thomas was Colonel but that he was then in the army under Gen. Washing[ton] and commanded a regiment of enlisted men. That the said Budd in his absence was commandant of the said Regiment of militia. And that the said Regiment in which the deponent served during the said last mentioned term of four weeks was stationed at Mamaroneck in the said County of West Chester.

And the affirmant further saith that in relation to his term of four weeks service in the month of October 1777 in the company of Militia under the command of Captain Jesse Hollay and in the regiment under the command of Colonel Thomas Thomas, that he served during the said term of four weeks as a private in the said company and regiment and was stationed during the said last mentioned term at Harrisons purchase in the said County. That the said regiment was then in actual service at that place duly organized officers and commanded as aforesaid that at said Harrisons Purchase was then one of a line of military ports established in the said

County of WestChester for the protection thereof, against the British troops then lying in the southern part of said County.

And the affirmant further saith that with respect to his term of three months service in Captain Elijah Hunter's company of Grenadiers commencing in the month of June 1778 as in the annexed declaration set forth that he served as a private during the said last mentioned term and was in actual service during the same and was stationed at Bedford in the said county as is set forth in his annexed declaration, that the said company was during the whole of the said last mentioned term of three months duly organized and embodied and commanded by said Elijah Hunter and stationed at Bedford aforesaid, and there were also several companies of continental troops stationed at Bedford during the said term.

And the affirmant further saith, that with respect to his term of five weeks service in Captain Richard Sackett's company of militia in Col. Thomas Regiment commencing in the month of May 1779 as is set forth in his annexed declaration that he served as a private during the said term of five weeks and was stationed in Bedford aforesaid, that at that time that part of the County of WestChester was exposed to frequent invasions of the British troops then stationed in the southern part of said County, and embodied for the purpose of watching the enemy and protecting the inhabitants of that part of the country in which said town of Bedford is situated.

And the affirmant further saith that with respect to his term of service in Captain Marcus Mosencan and company commencing in the month of July 1779 and ending in the month of July 1779 and ending in the month of March 1781; as is set forth in his annexed declaration, that he served as a private during the of the said term and was in actual service during the same that the duration of said term was at least one year and eight months and that that time during the said company was organized and embodied and under the command of said Mosencan, except a short time during which the said company was commanded by Lieutenant Gabriel Higgins. That the said town of Bedford was burnt by a detachment of British troops during the said as mentioned term and that part of the country was then exposed to frequent attacks of the enemy which rendered it necessary to keep a military force at that place that there was also a small body of continental troops stationed at Bedford during the said term last mentioned.

And the affirmant further saith, that in relation to his service in Captain Pacole M. Vermilyea's company of volunteer dragoons; that he was in actual service in said company for th espace of two years commencing on the first of March 1781, and ending at the expiration of said term of two years that said company was composed of enlisted men and was in the service during said last mentioned term, in the said County of WestChester; that it was under the command of said Captain Jacob M. Vermilyea, who raised the said company (as the said Vermilyea informed this affirmant) by order of Governor Clinton of the State of New York and that said company was attached to the Regiment under the command of Colonel Thomas Thomas whenever the said Regiment was in actual service, and when the said

Regiment was not in actual service, then the said company acted as an independent company. (Signed) Ezekiel Harris

Affirmed to and subscribed this fourteenth day of January 1833 before me.
Edward Kenneys Judge WestChester Com. Pleas.