

Pension Application for Peter Havens

S.34915

State of New York

Cayuga County SS.

On this first day of May in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighteen before me, the subscriber, one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas, in and for the county of Cayuga in said state, personally appears Peter Havens aged fifty six years, resident in the town of Sempronius in the county of Cayuga and state aforesaid, who being by me first duly sworn according to Law, doth, on his oath, make the following declaration, in order to obtain the provision made by the late act of Congress entitled "An act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and Naval Service of the United States, to the Revolutionary War."

That the said Peter Havens enlisted near Otsego Lake in the state of New York in the company commanded by Lieutenant Henry Dodge in Colonel Lewis DuBois Regiment in General James Clinton's Brigade in the New York Line – sometime in the month of June seventeen hundred and seventy nine and he continued to serve in the said Corps, or in the service of the United States until the war ended &c until the seventh day of June seventeen hundred and eighty three when he was discharged from service in Newburgh orange County state of New York that he was in the battles of Newtown and Yorktown at the taking of Cornwallis and is in reduced circumstances, and stands in need of the assistance of his Country for support and that he has no other evidence now in his power of his said services. (Signed) Peter Havens

Sworn to and declared before me, the day and year first aforesaid. Charles Kellogg.

Letter in folder dated December 13, 1933, written in response to an inquiry.

The record of Peter Havens is given herein, as found in pension claim, S.34915, based upon his service in the War of the Revolution.

The date and place of the birth of Peter Havens are not shown in the claim, nor are the names of his parents given.

He enlisted near Otsego Lake, New York, in June, 1779 and served as a private under Lieutenant Henry Dodge in Colonel Lewis DuBois' New York regiment, was transferred to Captain Henry Vanderburgh's company, Colonel Philip VanCortland's Second New York regiment; he was in the battle of Newtown and at the siege of Yorktown, and was discharged June 7, 1783.

He was allowed pension on his application executed, May 1, 1818, then aged fifty-six years and living in Sempronius, Cayuga County, New York.

In 1820 the soldier, Peter Havens, referred to his wife as aged fifty-four years, but did not give her name, and at this same time stated that his daughter, Cynthia, was fifteen years old, and his son, Peter, was born March 24, 1809.

In 1829 the soldier was a widower and then living in Crawford County, Pennsylvania, with a son; in 1839 he had moved to Michigan with his son, name of

son not designated. The soldier gave his address in 1840 as, Gablesville, Hillsdale County, Michigan. He died July 26, 1841.³

One Peter Havens, Jr. was in Hillsdale County, Michigan in 1839; his relationship to the soldier not stated.