

Pension Application for James Hewitt

S.13358

State of New York

Jefferson County SS.

On this eleventh day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty two personally appeared in open court before the Judges of the court of Common Pleas of the said County of Jefferson now sitting James Hewitt a resident of the town of LeRoy in the County of Jefferson and State of New York aged seventy 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 after stated. That at the time of the revolution he resided in the town of Stephentown in the county of Washington in the State of New York that in the month of April 1778 according to his best recollection he enlisted into the service of the United States for the term of nine months that he served in Captain Vrooman's company, Lieut Phelps, in part of a Regiment commanded by Major Hughes that he joined the army at Fort Edwards about the first of May was stationed at Fort Edwards about three months and then at Fort Stanwix (now Rome) till the end of his term of service.

While stationed at Fort Stanwix a party of sixty two were sent on a scout and had a skirmish with the tories and Indians all the detachment except two were killed and taken among [among] the killed was Lieut Phelps, Capt Vrooman was taken was discharged the first of January at Fort Stanwix. There was no Continental troops at Fort Edwards [Edward] or Fort Stanwix at the time thinks there were only one company at Fort Edwards when they left Fort Edwards there were no troops remaining at the place when they went to Fort Stanwix they were joined by other troops the whole would be about a regiment at the end of the term of service were marched from Fort Stanwix to Schenectady where they removed about three days and were discharged about the first of January—

And the said James Hewet further declares that in the latter part of the Summer of 1776 he was drafted from Captain Turners company of Militia belonging int he town of Spencertown aforesaid for the term of three months that he served the said term in a company commander by Captain Miles that the company did not join any regiment they were stationed at CobesKill [Cobleskill] about eight miles west of Schoharie that there was but one company stationed at the place.

The Lieutenant's name was Peter Morey.

That he does not recollect the precise time he was discharged but it was cold weather in the fall.

That he was born at Stonningtown in the state of Connecticut 2d day of September 1762.

That he was not quite fifteen years old when he went into the army first that he has no record of his age. That he lived in Greenfield in the State about forty years

after the Revolution has lived and now resides in the town of Philadelphia in the County of Jefferson in the State of New York. That he did not serve at any time with the regular troops.

That Johnathan Carr, Ephraim Smith, Nathan Ingerson reside in his present neighborhood and can testify to his character for veracity and that he is reputed to have been in the army as stated in his declaration.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state. That there is no clergyman residing in his neighborhood. (Signed) James Hewitt

Sworn to & subscribed the day and year aforesaid. P. Burchard, Clerk