

Pension Application for Daniel Hicks

S.47267

Declaration of a Revolutionary Soldier who served in the militia, to obtain a pension under Act of Congress, passed June 7, 1882, at Buffalo in said county.

State of New York

Erie County SS.

On this 3d day of [November?] 1832 personally appeared before the Court of Common Pleas in said County, Daniel Hicks a resident of Buffalo in the County of Erie and State of New York, aforesaid, aged 73 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 7, 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated.

1st He was born at Great neck Long Island in Jan in the year 1759.

2nd He has no record of his age.

3rd Was living when he was called into the service at Pittstown Rensselaer County N.Y. & continued to live there until after the War, moved from thence to Schoharie County & from Schoharie Col. To Cayuga County & from Cayuga Co. into the County of Erie and town of Hamburgh and from thence to the term of Buffalo in the County of Erie aforesaid where he now resides.

4th He enlisted in the Militia of the State of New York about the 1st of May in the year 1777, and served about 4 months at Fort Edward under the following named officers to wit. Col. Knickerbocker, (does not remember his first name). Genl Schuyler the Major does not remember Capt. Cornelius Wilson, Lieute Wm. Green, Insign [Ensign] John Harding, Orderly Sergt Rufus Gallop does not remember any more of the officers named was in a skirmish with the Indians at a place called [Switekill?] also into other skirmishes, but no [?] battles.

[Fold in document] the service he volunteered about the First of Jany 1778 & was out until about the last of May following (he thinks) about 5 mos. under the above named officers with the exception of the Lieut who was at this time Abner Vanname was in no battles at this time and was dismissed at Fort Edward.

The next time was out he volunteered in July following about the first and continued about 4 months at Farmertown Albany County under the above named Abner Vanname, & he thinks under Capt. Jonathan Brown, who took command at Farmertown had no battles at this time and was dismissed by Capt. Jonathan Brown, he thinks.

The next time he was out in the service he volunteered & went to Cherry Valley about the first of December following and staid until the last of March 1779 (4 mos) does not recollect any of the officers except Ensign John J. Harding, had no battles, but some skirmishes with the Indians.

The most time he was a substitute for Nath'l Wallis & went to Ballstown about the 1st of May following and was there about 3 months, he thinks, the officers were Capt. Cornelius Wilsey & one Rice Hunevelt was Lieut. Moses Merrill Ensign does not

remember any more of the officers names. Had no battle or skirmish & was discharged by Capt. Willsey.

The next time he volunteered about the 1st of October 1779 & went to Johnstown, was there about 3 months, & returned about the 1st Jany 1780, he thinks Lieut Vanname had charge of the company he was in, had no battles or skirmishes, kept a garrison does not remember any of the officers names except Vannames or who discharged them, but thinks the Capt.

The next was immediately after he returned from Johnstwon. The militia was summoned to meet at Fort Edward he went to Fort Edward & ent'd the service & staid about 3 months & returned about the last of April or first of May. Cannot tell the precise day was under Ensign John Harding at that time does not recollect any more of the officers names.

The next time he volunteered about the 1st of November 1778, & went to Fort Stanwix on the Mohawk River & was there about 4 months & returned about the last of February 1781, don't remember the exact day was under Capt Wilsey & Lieut VANDerhoff he thinks was the names don't' remember any more of the officers names had no battles & was discharged by Capt. Wilsey at the Fort.

He never received any discharge except a verbal one.

And this deponent says that Leonard Howard and Lleonard Van Name are persons to whom he is known in his present neighborhood and whom he offers as witnesses as to his truth and veracity & their belief as to his services in the Revolution.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state. (Signed with his mark) Daniel Hicks.

Sworn and subscribed this third day of November 1832. James Stryker, Judge of Erie County Court.

Letter in folder dated July 9, 1925, written in response to an inquiry.

I have to advise you from the papers in the Revolutionary War pension claim, S.47267, it appears that Daniel Hicks was born January 18, 1759 at Great Neck, Long Island.

While residing at Pittstown, Rensselaer County, New York, he enlisted May 1, 1777 and served at various times as private in the New York Troops, under Captains Cornelius Wiltse and Jonathan Brown and Colonels Knickerbocker and Yates, was in the battle of Saratoga, when Burgoyne was captured, served until in November 1780 amounting in all to about three years.

He was allowed pension on his application executed November 3, 1832, while a resident of Buffalo, Erie County, New York.

Soldier was the son of Benjamin Hicks, who was captured and released between the two battles of Stillwater.

Daniel had a son, John aged forty-two years in 1844.

In 1848, Daniel resided in Buffalo, New York, with his widowed daughter Mary (Polly) Miller, aged thirty-nine years and her two minor children, her husband died in January 1843, names of husband and children not stated.