

Pension Application for James Hilton

S.13395

Albany County SS.

On this 4th February 1833 before the Justices Court of the City of Albany, personally came James (al Jacobus) Hilton the same person named in and who hath subscribed & made oath to the annexed declaration; who being now again sworn according to law, doth depose and say, that he was born in the City of Albany on the 16th March 1753, as he has been informed by his parents, and as he finds the same recorded in the Dutch family Psalm book now in his possession—

That at the age of twenty years, he was enrolled in Capt. Nicholas Joralemons Company of Militia in which Derick Hilton was first appointed Ensign and afterwards Lieutenant, and Continued such during the whole of the Revolutionary War.

That in the year 1776, this declarer was ordered out with the Albany Militia commanded by Colo Jacob Lansing, and in Capt. Jorelemans Company, and marched from Albany to Lake George, and was encamped there in huts which had shortly theretofore been occupied by regular troops, either of Gansevoorts or VanSchaicks Regt, but which this declarer does not now recollect, that the militia were detached, partly by scouting parties and partly in garrison duty and in mounting guard round the fort and as Sentinels around the lake, and that this declarer was again ordered out with the company to which he belonged, and marched under the same Capt. Joralemon and Lieut's Derick Hilton and Isaac Lansing, to Lake George, then commanded by General Philip Schuyler, at the time when Burgoyne & his army were expected down from the Northward; how the militia were employed in removing the public stores and property from Lake George to Fort Edward, and in dismantling Fort George—on this tour he this declarer was in service from the beginning of May to the beginning of August being full three months; that when Burgoyne & his army were proceeding downward, a draft of the militia was made, in which this declarer was not drawn, and was therefore free from going.—

In the year 1778 this declarer was ordered Out with the Albany militia, and marched form Albany, in the Company under Capt. Joralemon, and Lieutenants Lansing and Hilton to Fort Hunter in pursuit of a party of Indians and British who have made their appearance in that quarter, and committed depredations on the inhabitants and their property; and pursued them for sometime on their trail towards Canada, but finding them too far a head, gave up the pursuit and returned to Albany, and were dismissed after a tour of two months.

In the same year 1778 this declarer was also ordered out and marched to Schoharie with the same company and under the same officers, and performed a tour of six weeks, during which time he lay in garrison in the lower Fort commanded by Colo Peter Vrooman.—

In the year 1779 he this declarer was again ordered out with the Albany Militia with the same company and officers to Schoharie on which occasion Lieut Derick Hilton with twenty five men, of whom this declarer was one, was detached to a place called Cobels or Cobuskill to guard and protect the farmers of that place and

neighbourhood, whilst bringing in their harvests, and protecting their cattle and property, from which service Lit Hilton and his detachment returned to the Middle Fort at Schoharie, and remained in garrison there until the militia marched back to Albany and were dismissed; which tour was full three months.

In 1780 he this declarer, enlisted under Capt. Jacob Vandeusen in a company of artificers for one year, and served under the direction and command of Colo Udney Hay of the Quar'r Mas'r Generals department, at Wappings Creek Fishkill and Newburgh and were employed in building barracks & other public works for the United States—and did not return home till the commencement of the winter of 1781—having faithfully served out his enlistment—

In 1781 he this declarer was again ordered out with the Albany Militia, and marched in the same company as before and under the same officers to the relief of the forts in Schoharie, and were garrisoned at the Stone Church, occupied and known as the Lower fort, where the militia remained in garrison, occasionally employed in scouting parties, in performing garrison duty and in guarding the inhabitants whilst harvesting their crops until the last of October, when they were relieved, and then returned home and were dismissed, having been in service on this tour for four months.

In 1782 he was once more called out, on a tour to Schoharie and marched to Beaver creek and from thence to Schoharie and remained there in garrison at the lower fort until relieved and then returned to Albany having been out six weeks.

And for the aforesaid services he claims a pension as a private. (Signed) James Hilton.

Subscribed and Sworn to this 4th February 1833. John G. Wasson, Clk