

Pension Application for Hezekiah Hull

W.16299 (Widow: Lucy) Married April 29, 1778. Hezekiah died February 4, 1818.
State of New York
Rensselaer County SS.

On the 23d day of February in the year of our Lord 1837 personally before me George R. Davis one of the Judges of Rensselaer County Courts & Counselor at Law of the Supreme Court of said State of New York Lucy Hull a resident of Berlin in the County of Rensselaer aforesaid and State of New York ages seventy six years old 5th day of last June how being first duly sworn according to law, doth on or [sic] oath makes the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed July 4th 1836.

That she is the widow of Hezekiah Hull, late of the town of Berlin aforesaid deceased, that she married the said Hezekiah Hull on the 19th day of April in the year of our Lord 1778, that Elder Joshua Maxson performed the marriage ceremony, that the said Maxon [sic] has been dead a great many years, that she lived with the said Hezekiah until his death the 4th day of February 1818.

And this deponent says she has remained his widow to the present time. Not having since married. And this deponent further says she removed with her father from Rhode Island to the town of Little Hoosick, now Berlin in June 1777.

And this deponent knows that it was reputed & believed at the time, that the said Hezekiah has served the United States as a militia soldier, the reason of Gen. Burgoyne's surrender, and this deponent has no doubt of its truth—and also that he had been at the Highlands in the service of the United States as a militia soldier—of which this deponent has no doubt—

And this deponent knows that after her marriage with the said Hezekiah in the year 1778 as aforesaid that he went on a tour of service as a militia soldier in the service of the United States to Schoharie for one month but under what officer this deponent cannot recollect.

And she also knows that he went on another tour of service as a militia soldier to Fort Edward but what time he was thus out she cannot recollect nor the name of the officers.

And she recollects that while the said Hezekiah was out on a tour of service in the United States an order was sent to him to warn out a body of militia and that she mounted a horse herself and went in her own person & read the order to the men.

And this deponent knows that after he marriage as aforesaid, that the said Hezekiah was frequently out in the service of the United States as a militia soldier on alarms & excursions to repel Indian Incursions & Tory depredations, besides those before enumerated, and this deponent has no doubt but that the said Hezekiah was in the service of the United States as a militia soldier for more than one year & according to her belief nearly one year & a half. (Signed) Lucy Hull

Sworn to and subscribed the day & year aforesaid Geo. R. Davis Judge of Rensselaer County Courts.

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On the 23d day of February in the year of our Lord 1837 personally appeared before me George R. Davis Judge of the Court of County Courts of Rensselaer County aforesaid Peter Hull a resident of the town of Berlin aforesaid aged seventy six years last June who being first duly sworn according to Law doth on his oath says that he knew Hezekiah Hull late of the town of Berlin aforesaid deceased, that the said Hezekiah Hull departed this life about nineteen years since, the day & the year this deponent cannot precisely recollect & at the time of his death the said Hezekiah resided in the town of Berlin aforesaid, that this deponent was the brother of the said Hezekiah and this deponent knows that the said Hezekiah married Lucy Randall the next year after the surrender of Gen. Burgoyne & cohabited with her to the time of his death aforesaid—but this deponent was not present at the time of marriage aforesaid.

That in the year 1777 this deponent lived in the same family with the said Hezekiah, and knows that nearly the whole season of the year of Gen. Burgoyne's surrender, the said Hezekiah was out as a militia man in the service of the United States under Captain Caleb Beatty, & that he was out at the time of the surrender aforesaid, that the said Hezekiah lived in a disaffected region & the whole country in the northern vicinity was in a constant state of alarm, from Indian & Tory incursions & depredations—and this deponent has no doubt but that the said Hezekiah was in the service of the United States that season as much as five months in all.

And this deponent further says that he knows that after the surrender of Gen Burgoyne, that the said Hezekiah was out as a militia man in the service of the United States under Lt Samuel Shaw, at Fort Edward for about one month—and this deponent also knows that the said Hezekiah at another time after the surrender aforesaid, was out as a militia man under Lt Samuel Shaw to Schoharie for one month—that in the former service Henry K. VanRensselaer was the Colonel & in the latter Col. Vrooman that in both of these services, this deponent was with the said Hezekiah in both of these services as a militia soldier.

And this deponent knows that the said Hezekiah before Gen. Burgoyne entered the Northern frontier, enlisted under an officer from the Territory of Vermont, whose name this deponent has forgotten, and this deponent knows that the said Hezekiah left home in that service & remained from home the time enlistment & on his return said he had been to Ticonderoga but the time of the enlistment this deponent has forgotten.

And this deponent knows that at another time the said Hezekiah went out as a militia soldier to the Highlands, but under what officer this deponent has forgotten but this deponent knows that the said Hezekiah went & was absent the term of service two months when he returned to his home.

And this deponent knows that the said Hezekiah was at other times after the surrender of Gen. Burgoyne, frequently called out as a militia soldier, in the service of the United States under Captain Beatty & Lt Shaw to go to the North & to Stone Arabia to repel Indian incursions & Tory depredations, and this deponent has no

doubt, but that the said Hezekiah, was in the service of the United States as a militia soldier in all the before mentioned services as much at least than one year.

And this deponent further says that the said Hezekiah died leaving his wife the said Lucy survivor, who is now living (aged about seventy six) and his widow, she not having married since.

And this deponent further knows, that the said Hezekiah was an orderly Sergeant at both of the services at Fort Edward & Schoharie when this deponent was with him. (Signed) Peter Hull

Sworn to and subscribed the day & year aforesaid. Geo R. Davis Judge of Rensselaer County County.