

Pension Application for William Hutton

S.13475

Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of congress passed June 7th 1832.

State of New York

City of New York SS.

On this twenty ninth day of November personally appeared in open court before the Hon. The Justices of the Marine Court of the City of New York now sitting; William Hutton, a resident of the City of New York in the County of New York & State of New York, aged 77 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 stated.

Declarant states that he enlisted in the City of New York, in the month of April in the year 1776, for the term of six months, and was enrolled in the regiment Commanded by Col. Lasher in the Brigade commanded by Brig Gen Scott was present at the battle of Long Island when our troops were obliged to retreat to New York and was encamped at Kingsbridge, and afterward at Peekskill where at the expiration of his time, he receiv'd a discharge (but from whom he cannot now remember) which discharge is now lost.

Declarant further states, he cannot find a surviving witness to to [sic] prove the above service, or discharge therefrom.

Declarant further states; that he again entered the service of the United States as a volunteer in the month of August 1777 for the term of three months, in the Town of Rhinebeck in the state of New York, under Capt. Hermance and marched to a place called VanSchaick's Island about 6 miles above Albany in the State of New York from which the company to which he was attached, marched to and joined the main body at Stillwater where they encamped on a field called Ploughed Hill where the first engagement between the British and Americans took place, which after a series of others, concluded by the surrender of Burgoyne at Saratoga. Declarant further states that from the above named service he received a written discharge but from whom he cannot now remember, which discharge is now lost.

Declarant states, that the annexed certificate of Henry D. Pew will move his being actually in the army at the time, above named. Declarant further states that he again entered the service of the United States, as a volunteer in the Town of Esopus in the State of New York, in the month of June (as he believes) in the year 1778 as an Indian Spy in a company Commanded by Lt. Myers and married to the Deleware [Delaware] river, and other places, not recollected, to watch the Indians. He further states, that being taken sick and left at a place, the name of which he cannot remember; his term of service expired which at said place; and in consequence he never recived [received] either his pay for, or discharge from said service, but upon his recovery made the best of his way to the residence of his Uncle Timothy Hutton who

resided at Schoharie in the State of New York, and who was a Lit. in the Militia of the State, then on duty at Schoharie.

Declarant further states that he entered the Militia of [the] State of New York as a substitute for John McChesney for two months; at the expiration of which time, he again went as a substitute for Joseph McChesney for two months, in a company under the Command of Capt. Lansing & Lt Timothy Hutton, at the expiration of his time he recived [received] a discharge from Capt. Lansing which discharge is now lost.

Declarant states that he knows of no surviving witness to prove the last named services.

Declarant further states that he frequently served during the war, both as a substitute and a volunteer in the Militia of the State under various officers as a private soldier but from this distance of time, he cannot remember to specify times and places more accurately than as above related.

Declarant therefor amends his declaration by the following affidavit.

Personally appeared before me, the undersigned a Justice of the Peace for the City and county of New York William Hutton who, being duly sworn deposes and saith, that, by reason of old age and the consequent loss of memory, he cannot swear positively as to the precise length of his service; but according to the best of his recollection he served not less than the period mentioned below, and in the following grades.

For 9 months I served as a volunteer in the state troops, as a private soldier.

For 3 months I served as a volunteer in the Indians Spies as a private soldier.

For one year and upwards as a private in the draughted Militia of the State of New York & for such service of 2 years and upward I claim a pension 29 November AD 1832. (Signed with his mark) William Hutton.

Elisha Morrill, Justice Peace.

Declarant further states that he was born on the 16th day of July in the year 1755, in the City of New York, that the record of his age is contained in the family Bible now shown to the Court and that he is now upwards of 77 years of age.

Declarant further states, that he knows of no clergyman who can testify respecting his age, and general belief of his revolutionary service; but presents to the court the names of --& a certificate from three respectable individuals, residents of the City of New York in relation, to the general belief of his revolutionary services and age.

He hereby relinquishes every claim to an annuity or pension except the present and declares his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state. (Signed with his mark) William Hutton.

Sworn to and subscribed the 24 day of November in open court. John Barberie Clerk