

Pension Application for Isaac Payne

S.11203

State of New York

County of Suffolk SS.

On this second day of October in the year 1832 personally appeared in open court before the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas of the said County of Suffolk being a Court of record of the Town of Brookhaven in the County and State aforesaid aged seventy six years on the twelfth day of May last, 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 was born in the Town of East Hampton in the said County and State on the 12th of May 1856. That he has not any record of his age except such as he has made from the representations of his parents. That he was living in the said Town of Easthampton at the several times when he enlisted as hereinafter mentioned, and continued to reside there except whilst engaged in the service of his country until he was [sixty?] years old when he removed into the said Town of Brookhaven where he has resided ever since and still resides there. That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated.

That some time in the month of August 1775 but the particular day he cannot recollect at East Hampton aforesaid he enlisted as a volunteer as a private soldier in a company of Minute men of which Ezekiel Mulford was Captain, and Nathaniel Hand first Lieutenant but for no particular term of time. That this deponent still remains at East Hampton, but was constantly drilled by his officers and held himself at all times ready for more active service should he be called upon until he again enlisted as hereinafter mentioned.

That the object for which the said company was enlisted was to repel the incursions of the British who were in the habit of landing on Montauk and other parts of the coast and carrying off the cattle and that the soldiers were duly equipped and maneuvered and held themselves in readiness at all times for the service. That this deponent has no documentary evidence to prove his service in that company, nor is any one now alive except Jonathan [Pulter]who then served with him.

That sometime in the month of May 1776 but the particular day he cannot recollect he enlisted out of his said first company in East Hampton aforesaid to serve as a private soldier for six calendar months in a company of New York State troops commanded by Captain David Pierson of which Stephen Howell was first Lieutenant and Thomas baker second Lieutenant in a Regiment of which Colonel Drake was commandant and the other field officers were Lieutenant Colonel Halibut as they pronounced the name and Major Hatfield in General Scott's Brigade. That sixteen of the said company were enlisted in East Hampton aforesaid and joined the residue of the company in the adjoining Town of Southampton where they were duly enrolled.

That on Saturday the first day of June following he commenced marching toward New York with his said company, the first night they halted and put up at Josiah Howell's at [Quague?] The next day they attended church at beaver dam and

the following night put up at Fin Place, the next night they rested at a town a few miles East of Hempsted Plains the next night they halted at Jamacia and on the next day at ten o'clock in the morning they marched into New York and were stationed in a building near Beekman's cliff when they joined their regiment and brigade. That they were encamped at Beekman cliff nearly a fortnight, then in [??] about a fortnight from thence into the barracks at Greenwich about where the old states prison stood.

That they were engaged there in building a fort on a hill. That this deponent's business was to cut up turf and haul it in a hand barrow to the fort. That whilst on this service this deponent was sent in a company of about twenty in a boat to bring provisions from the City. That in pushing off the boat this deponent exerted himself to much that he cause a hernia or rupture in the [?] with which he was confined in the hospital twenty nine days. That said hernia has continued ever since and now disables him from attending to active employment.

That this deponent joined his said company from the hospital on the day when the British landed on Long Island. That this deponent immediately crossed over to Brooklyn and went to Flatbush with his brigade where they staid forty eight hours and then went up and manned the outer lines between Forts Greene and Box in the latter of which General Putnam was stationed. That the British attacked them here but were driven back by our forces. That during the attack General Putnam stood on the top of the breast work encouraging the men to do their duty. That the following night which this deponent thinks was the 27th of August this deponent retreated with the American forces into New York where he arrived just as the clock struck three.

That this deponent remained in New York until the 15th of September on which day he went down with his Brigade and the forces to resist the British who were landing under the fire from five ships of war about three miles from New York on the East river side.

That the American forces were align to retreat with the loss of all their baggage and this deponent sent with them to Kingsbridge, on the next day they were ordered back about three miles to fight the British but the battle was over before they marched there and they returned to Kingsbridge where they staid about a fortnight and constructed barracks.

From thence they were driven by the British and retreated to White Plains. At this place this deponent was engaged in the battle commonly called the battle of White Plains. From thence this deponents Brigade returned to Peekskill where Colonel Drake resided. Here this deponent was taken More unwell with the hernia and other complaints and was unable to accompany the American forces which crossed the Hudson river to fight the Hessians.

That this deponent remained unwell and entirely unfit for duty at the place fitted up for a hospital until after the term for which he enlisted as aforesaid had expired. That his said term expired six days after the American forces crossed the river as aforesaid. That his first Lieutenant House crossed the river with the other forces, and from this cause was unable to state from his own knowledge that this deponent had run out his full term in his affidavit here with included. That this

deponent did however actually serve out the whole of said term when he returned home in company with others of his company who enlisted with him and had served out their term.

That this deponent never had and has not any written discharge nor no documentary evidence except the said affidavit of Lieutenant House to prove his said service. And this deponent further says that he left the service early in December 1776 but the particular day he does not recollect and marched home the latter part of that month or the beginning of January 1777—and this deponent hopes to be able to prove the testimony of Jonathan Tuttle and Lewis Sanford who served with him in the said last mentioned company and six more living should they be able to attend court.

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) Isaac Payne

Sworn to and subscribed in open court this day and year aforesaid. J. R. Hunting, Clerk