

Pension Application for Israel Thomas

R.10498

State of New York

County of Warren to wit.

On this twenty fifth day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty two at Caldwell in the said county, before me the undersigned First Judge of the County, personally appeared Israel Thomas, a Revolutionary Soldier, now residing in Warrensburgh in the County of Warren, who being first duly sworn doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress of June 7, 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States in the year 1779 or 1780 in September, under Captain Anthony Brace, Lieut. Hollibert Woodbeck, Ensign John Staats in the New York Militia—the company was attached to the N.Y. Regiment commanded by Col. Killian VanRanssalaer [VanRensselaer] –Major Mathew VanBuren, Genl George Clinton, there was no particular time of service for which he enlisted—he turned out as a volunteer—was mustered east of Albany at Greenbush—went to Albany, and Schenectady, then to Fort Hunter from there in the night to Johnstown – from there to Fort Plain on the Mohawk River.

The fight at Stone Araby [Arabia] was while he was marching and before he got to Fort Plain—the prisoners and wounded were brought in to Fort Plain about the time he got there—this was about the last of September or first of October of that year.

From there he went to German Flatts up the Mohawk and soon returned to Fort Plain—from there to Fort Hunter, then to Schenectady and to Albany—he was discharged above Fort Plain by orders, was out on this service about two weeks.

In the next spring after the above service, he went out under the same officers as above, in the United States service, was mustered at Greenbush aforesaid—went to Half Moon – to Niskunia [Niskayuna] to Schenectady—was dismissed at Schenectady-- & returned home, was out between two & three weeks on this service. That during that summer, and fall, & beginning of winter, he was out under the same company officers, at least one day & night in each week, watching the enemy & the services & patrolling the public highways—and was under orders all the time—this was the year before the treaty of peace—and this service was continued until the news of the treaty, when Captain Brace called the company together and finally dismissed them.

That the first services above mentioned, were rendered at times of alarms—and the last was as above stated, in guarding against the Tories principally, who were about stealing horses and cattle & driving them to the enemy—That these services in all amounted to more than a year—that he was not in any particular engagement or fight.

In answer to the interrogatives, directed to be put to the applicant by the instructions from the Sec'y at War and which are severally by me the said Judge, he says.

1st that he was born in Ditchess County N.Y. in the year 1761 & was 71 years old last January.

2nd he has no record of his age.

3rd lived at Greenbush N.Y. when he entered the service, lived after the war in Kingsbury & Queensbury—no lives in Warrensburgh, aforesaid, Warren County.

4th In the service above he went as a volunteer – In the year 1777, he thinks he lived in Hancock Mass's & as drafted in the militia there for nine months, and lived one Bogardus Hatch as a substitute, who died in the service.

5th The names of his officers are stated above.

6th he never received any written discharge.

7th That Nathan Hayes and Benjamin Hayes of Bolton, Warren County, know personally of his services as above stated, and their affidavits, it is intended to answer hereunto.

That he has never been on the pension list of any state and never received any pension and he hereby relinquishes all claim to any pension and he hereby relinquishes all claim to any pension or annuity except the present.

That his health is very poor and infirm, and on account of sickness he was wholly unable to attend the county court held in the said county during the week now last past. (Signed) Israel Thomas

Subscribed & sworn this 25th day of September 1832 before me. Seth Baldwin
Baldwin, First Judge of Warrant County &c.