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Connecticut

Robert Anderson
of East Haddam in the State of Connit
who was a Priv — in the Connit commanded
by Captain Tilden of the Regt commanded
by Col. Migs in the Connit
pro for 11 mo

Inserted on the Bill of Connit
at the rate of 40 Dollars 00 Cents per annum
to commence on the 1st day of March, 1834:

Certificate of Pension issued the 23 day of March
1833. and Sent E. A.
Buckley, East Haddam Ct
Appears to the 1st of March, 33: \$8000
Semi-ant. allowance ending Sep: 33: 20.00
\$10,000

Revolutionary Claims
Act June 7, 1832.

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State of Connecticut

County of Middlesex

Probate District of East Haddam

vs East Haddam

On the 15th day of August A.D. 1832, personally appeared in open Court before the Court of Probate for the District of East Haddam being a Court of Records, leaving a clerk and seal, now willing, Robert Anderson a resident of the Town of East Haddam Middlesex County Connecticut and District aforesaid aged seventy seven 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.

1st Immediately after the alarm caused by the battle at Lexington in Massachusetts, your deponent then residing at East Haddam aforesaid in the month of April (the day the deponent does not precisely recollect) in the year 1775- volunteered as a soldier and went to Roxbury in Massachusetts where he joined the army under what officers he cannot now recollect. He remained at Roxbury with the army as a volunteer until sometime in the month of May when the officers that had been commissioned by the Legislature of Connecticut came down and assumed the command of such as enlisted. While the deponent was a volunteer, there was some alarm in consequence of a supposed landing

of some British troops in the neighborhood of Weymouth in Massachusetts - Some of the troops among whom was the deponent were marched to Dorchester and then to Weymouth - but the alarm proved to be a false one and the troops returned to Roxbury - Nothing of much importance occurred during this period - When the Officers that had been commissioned by the Connecticut Legislature came to Roxbury which was in the month of May as the Deponent thinks, he immediately enlisted as a soldier into a company of which John Wixley was Captain. Daniel Benedict - Ensign and Joseph Dickinson Ensign - Samuel Wyllis was Lieut Colonel ^{in Colonel in chief} of the Regiment to which Deponent belonged and Return S. Meigs Major - The term for which deponent enlisted was ~~seven~~ seven months - during all of which period the deponent remained at Roxbury and at the expiration of that period returned home having been regularly dismissed - During the period of Deponent's enlistment the troops were principally employed in erecting fortifications and redoubts and in keeping guards - There was occasional firing of cannon and bombs from the British Army at Boston by means of which some of our men were killed - There was also some firing from the American troops at the British Army in Boston - The Brigade to which deponent belonged was commanded by Genl. Joseph Spencer - Your deponent was in sight of the burning of Charles town which ~~was~~ ^{accompanied} the Battle of Bunker hill - But that part of army stationed at Roxbury were not engaged in the battle. it being designed that they should prevent any movement in this quarter where they were stationed

The ^{in regiment which deponent does not recollect -} Brigade of Genl Parsons was stationed at Roxbury near that to which deponent belonged - You deponent thinks that Genl Heath and Genl Thomas were also there and he believes with troops under their command - Genl Washington was during this period at Roxbury - There were eight companies in the regiment to which deponent belonged, but he cannot particularly recollect them - You deponent was well acquainted with Genl Spencer belonging in the same town with him - he knew Col Parsons also from Lyme in town - You deponent had seen Genl Washington - Genl Heath and Thomas but was acquainted with none of them - The deponent has no documentary evidence in support of his claim and accompanies this ^{declaration} depositions with depositions in its support

2nd In the year 1776 in the month of ~~August~~ ^{September} in the fore part of the month as deponent thinks, the deponent then residing at East Haddam aforesaid marched with the Company to which he belonged along the towns upon Long Island Sound (the regiment of militia to which ^{s^d} Company belonged having been ordered to aid in the defence of New York), through New Haven until they arrived at East Chester in the State of New York where the regiment was first stationed - Dyer Throop was the commanding Colonel of the Regiment and Sabel Chapman as deponent thinks Major - The company to which deponent belonged was commanded by Ebenezer Dutton, who was sick and did not go with

-163- The Lieutenant of the company had the command while we were in service, his name was Nathan Lovett. There was no Ensign or deponent thinks at that time. The Brigade deponent thinks the Brigade was commanded by Genl. Parsons. The regiment did not stay long at East Chester, but soon removed to Morrisania Point - where we staid some time, then moved to Kings Bridge, afterwards to the vicinity of White Plains and then to the neighborhood of Rye Ponds where in the month of November, ^{thinks as late as 20th he} the deponent was with the rest of the troops regularly dismissed. The deponent was in sight of the battle of White Plains but the regiment to which he belonged was not engaged, not having arrived as deponent thinks until after the battle commenced. While we were at Rye Ponds the British troops had made an incursion into the country and taken off some cattle. Some of the troops at Rye Ponds were sent in pursuit, but the British party made their escape before they were overtaken. While we were at Morrisania Point the British Fleet passed up the North River as was said. While stationed at the places above named the troops were mostly employed in keeping guard and looking out for the enemy. During this period the Regiment of Colonel Huntington of Bonn lay near us. There were other regiments but your deponent cannot particularly describe them. Among the companies near us was one commanded by Capt. Harris - ^{another by} and Capt. Dutton and in the continental service that of Capt. Holmes. There were continental regiments near us but deponent cannot describe them. The deponent was acquainted with Genl. Parsons who was from

Lyons in Gorn. Col. Throop and Major Chapman both of East Haddam where deponent resided. Your deponent recollects to have seen Genl Putnam. The deponent has no documentary evidence in support of his claim and knows of no person, whose testimony he can procure, who can testify to his service.

3^d In the month of April in the year 1777 in the month of April as deponent thinks - he then residing at East Haddam aforesaid was together with the rest of the company of militia to which he belonged ordered to New London in town about twenty miles distant from his place of residence. The Captain of the company was Nathan Jewett. George Bone was Lieutenant. The deponent thinks there was no Ensign. While at New London the company was stationed on the rising ground west of Fort Turnbull and engaged in building a fortification. There were troops at the same time in Fort Turnbull and at Fort Griswold but deponent cannot particularly describe them. The company to which deponent belonged was engaged in erecting the fortification and in keeping guard. The company remained at New London a month when your deponent with the rest of the company was dismissed and returned home. There were no general or field officers at that time in New London as your deponent recollects. The deponent has no documentary evidence in support of his

claim and knows of no witness whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service. John Chapman who was a sergeant in 3^d Company is still living and between seventy and one hundred years of age & so broken down & infirm that he can say nothing on the subject.

4th In the month of August or September in the year 1778 as deponent thinks he then residing at East Haddam aforesaid was drafted from the Company of Militia to which he belonged into the service of the United States for the term of one month and ordered to New London - where he joined a Company commanded by Capt^l Matthias Smith - the Lieutenant deponent does not recollect - The Ensign he thinks was Robt. Huntington. The Company were stationed in the town and were mostly engaged in keeping guard - There were other troops at that time in the Fort but your Deponent cannot describe them. There were no general officers at that time in New London and no field officers as deponent recollects - The deponent was acquainted with the officers of his own company - The deponent has no documentary evidence and knows of no person whose testimony he can procure, who can testify to his service. +

5th In the year 1781 in the month of September the Deponent ~~was~~ then residing at East Haddam in Connecticut with the rest

of the Company to which he belonged was ordered by the Colonel of the Regiment whose name was Worthington to New London town where they arrived just after the burning of the town - and the British force had left it - Matthew Lovell was Captain of the Company George Bone Lieutenant - the Deponent does not recollect - Most of the militia of the vicinity was at that time called into New London - The Company to which Deponent belonged staid at New London as he thinks two weeks - when the company was dismissed and returned home - The Deponent was acquainted with Col Worthington and the officers of the Company to which he belonged - The other troops that were at New London at that time Deponent cannot particularly describe - The deponent has no documentary evidence & knows of no person, whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service -

The Deponent was born in Lyme New London County Conn on the 12th January 1755 - The Deponent has no record of his age except what is in a family bible - It may be recorded in Lyme but this Deponent does not know - The Deponent lived at East Haddam aforesaid when called into the service where he has ever since resided - When the Deponent entered the service he volunteered - and then enlisted - afterwards when in the vicinity of New York the

Company and Regiment of Militia to which Deponent belonged was ordered out - When first at New London - the whole company to which Deponent belonged was ordered out - when at New London the second time he was drafted and when there the last time the whole Regiment to which he belonged was ordered out - The deponent has stated with as much particularity as he can recollect the names of the officers who were with the troops with whom he served and also such of the regiments either Continental or militia as he can recollect together with the general circumstances of his service - The Deponent never received a discharge from the service, but was at all times regularly dismissed - The Deponent is well known to Genl. Champion Pease Green - Judge Griffin Oziel Holmes Ezra Reed Mr. Miner and most of the other inhabitants of the town of East Haddam who can testify to his character for veracity and their belief of his services as a soldier of the ~~1776~~ revolution.

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 ~~any~~ the agency of any State, -

Sworn and subscribed this
day and year aforesaid }

Robert Anderson

State of Connecticut
County of Middlesex } 50 District of East Haddam

On this 29th day of December
A D 1832 personally appeared before the Court of
Probate for the District of East Haddam, Robert
Anderson a resident of the town of East Haddam
and district aforesaid, an applicant for a pension
under the act of Congress of June 4th 1832, who
being duly sworn, deposes and saith, that by
reason of old age, and the consequent loss of mem-
-ory 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
grade - For twelve months and a half served
as a private soldier; and for such service I claim
a pension -

The Deponent when he first went to
Roxbury in Massachusetts as related in the first spe-
cification of his claim in his original application
was ^{as he thinks} commanded by Captain Daniel Fielden. The
Lieutenant's name he does not recollect. The name
of the Ensign was Isaac Spencer. This was before the
officers came down as stated in said specification
under whom he enlisted.

The Deponent has no knowledge of any survivor
of the term named in the second specification of his
claim, who can testify to his service.

The Deponent has no knowledge of any survivor of his
third term of service except John Chapman as stat-
ed in his original application, who is so much broken
and enfeebled that he can say or recollect nothing on the

subject - The Deponent in the period named in
the fourth specification of his claim in his original
application served one month - He knows of no
survivors of this term except Robert Hungerford
who is now over eighty years of age and recoll-
ects nothing on the subject - his memory having
failed him - The Deponent knows of no survivor
of the period embraced in the fifth specification
of his claim -

Robert Anderson

Sworn and subscribed

the day and year aforesaid -

And said Court before the Judge of which is
a Justice of the Peace the deposition of Ebenezer
Hinkley on the application of said Anderson for
a pension, was taken certifies that said Hinkley
is and at the time of taking said deposition was
a credible person -

Clifford T. Hinkley Judge of Court

~~I~~ I, Matthew G. Warner, Clerk of the Court
of Probate for the District of East Haddam, do here-
by certify that the foregoing contains the addi-
tional proceedings of said Court in the matter
of the application of Robert Anderson for a pension
In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand
as
at of office this 30th day of December A D 1832

Matthew G. Warner Clerk