

Pension Application for Jabez Hanmor of Hanmer

W.655 (Widow: Anna Maria)

B.L.Wt.503-160-55

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

State of New York

Tompkins Couty SS.

On this 18th day of July personally appeared in open court before the Judges of the Court of Oyer & Terminer now sitting, Jabez Hanmor a resident of the town of Ulyses in the county of Tompkins and state of New York, aged sixty nine 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 7, 1832. That he entered the service of the United States, under the following named officers and served as herein stated.

That he volunteered in the latter part of April or first of May in the year 1778 at the town of Ccornwall in the County of Ulster now Orange & State of New York in the service under Captain McBride & was marched by Capt. McBride to Easton in the State of Pennsylvania—that he was there received by Captain Davis of the regular army—that Henry B. Livingston was Colonel of the regiment—that he was marched from Easton to Valley Forge & there joined the regular army—

That he marched from Valley Forge to Monmouth – that he was in the battle of Monmouth, which command on the 27th of June & ended on the 28th of June about dusk—that he marched with his regiment through New Jersey across the North River & encamped on White Plains. That from thence he marched with his regiment accompanied by Col. Cortland, regiment to Albany encamped a while at Albany & then marched to Fort Stanwix up the Mohawk & was there encamped until his term of service expires in the month of January 1779 & returned home to his father in Ulster Co., the last of February in the same year. Term of service nine months.

That in April 1779 at Cornwall aforesaid he enlisted under Captain Abram Westfall in the regiment commanded by Col. [Mc?] of the New York Militia want to the frontiers on the south west part of the state.

Marched from the frontier to West Point where Capt. Drake took command of the company—Crossed the North River to Peekskill, marched from thence to Fishkill—Went from Fishkill to Albany by water. Does not recollect his Colonel's name marched from Albany to the block house at Canajoharie.

On reflection recollects [recollects] that their Colonel was VanBenscouter—marched from Canajoharie about four miles & defeated a party of Indians under the command of Brandt & Butler who had a few hours before defeated & killed Col. Brown—After the battle returned to Canajoharrie [Canajoharie] & went from there to Fort Plank on the Mohawk & remained until his term of service expired. The term of service was eighty or 9 months—was then discharged.

That in the spring about the first of April 1780 he enlisted for eight months under Captain John Burnet in the regiment commanded by Col. Wessenfall of the New York Militia—that he then resided at Cornwall aforesaid—that they were mustered &

enrolled near the village of Montgomery in Ulster now Orange County—that they marched to MamaKating Hollow & there built a picket fort—and there spent his term of service in scouting parties against Indians & Tories—was discharged & returned home when his time of service expired—that there were no Continental troops in the neighborhood of that service.

That some time in the summer of 1781 month not recollected, he was called out & served three months in the militia under Captain James Carnahan—that he lay encamped with his company at Fishkill during the time—Does not recollect the Colonel's name.

That he has no documentary evidence & that he knows of no person except Jephthah Lee whose affidavit will be annexed & whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service.

Letter in folder dated May 29, 1937, written in response to an inquiry.

Reference is made to your letter in which you request information in regard to Revolutionary War soldiers of Orange County, or Ulster County, New York, with the surname Hanmore or Hanmer; you state that you are especially interested in one Rachael Hanmer, with children Margaret who married Edward Gee, and cite also a John Hanmer of Ulster County, in 1790.

A search of the Revolutionary War records has been made in your behalf and there is no claim for pension on file based upon service of a John Hanmer, nor of a Rachel Hanmer who applied for pension on account of the soldier with that surname, under any spelling. The record of only one soldier with that surname, of Ulster or Orange County, New York, has been found—that of Jabez Hanmer, shown also as Hanmor. The data given herein were found in the papers on file in that claim, W.655, as it may aid you in your research.

Jabez Hanmer was born in Cornwall, Ulster County (later Orange County) New York and lived there with his father during the Revolutionary War; the names of his parents are not shown.

He entered service about May 1, 1778, served as private in Captain McBride's and Davis' companies, Colonel Henry B. Livingston's 4th New York regiment, was at Valley Forge, marched thence to Monmouth and was in the battle there, thence to White Plains and Albany, New York was stationed at Fort Stanwix and returned home, length of service nine months; he enlisted in April 1779, served as private in Captains Abraham Westfall's company, Colonel Weisenfels' regiment and in Captain Drake's company, Colonel VanBunschoten's regiment engaged against the Indians, length of service eight months; he enlisted in April 1780, and served eight months as private in Captain John Burnet's company, Colonel Weisenfels' New York regiment, during which period he was in an engagement with the Indians near Canajoharie just after they had killed Colonel Brown; he enlisted in the summer of 1781 and served three months as private in Captain James Carnahan's New York company.

Jabez Hanmer continued to reside in Cornwall, New York, until about 1796, then moved to Ulysses, Tompkins County, New York.

He was allowed Pension on his application executed July 18, 1832, at which time he was his sixty-ninth year; he did not state the date of his birth. The soldier resided then in Ulysses, New York. He died there May 8, 1845.

The soldier married July 4, 1830, in Ulysses, New York, Anna Maria Jewell; they were married at her father's home by a Methodist Minister.

Anna Maria Hanmer, the soldier's widow, was allowed pension on her application executed May 7, 1853, at which time she was aged fifty-eight years; the date of her birth and the names of her parents are not shown. Her name was borne on the pension roll as Anna Maria Hanmor.

In 1853, Abiah Randolph, Anna Maria's sister, was a resident of Ithica [Ithaca] New York, aged forty-five years "upwards"; her husband was Hiram F. Randolph. She stated that she was present at the marriage of her sister to Jabez Hanmer.

One R. B. Harrison stated in Tompkins County, New York, in 1853, that he was well acquainted with Anna Maria Jewell and was present at her marriage to Jabez Hanmer.

There are no further data regarding the family of this soldier.