

## PENSION ACT OF 1832

**Declaration** of Samuel Eggleston *in order to obtain benefit of the Act of Congress; passed June 7, 1832.*

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STATE OF CONNECTICUT }  
County of Hartford

On this 7<sup>th</sup> day of May 1835 before the probate court for the District of Hartford in the County of hartford and the State of Connecticut being a Court of Record, having a Clerk and Seal personally appeared Samuel Eggleston a resident of Windsor in the County of Hartford in the State of Connecticut aged eighty-eight years, who being first duly sworn, according to law, doth on this oath make the following declaration, in order to obtain benefit, of the Act of Congress, passed June 7, 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States as a private in a company of dragoons commanded by Captain Thomas Seymour, Lt. Reuben Ellsworth and Colonel Edward Griswold at Windsor in the County of Hartford in the State of Connecticut. On or about the 10<sup>th</sup> day of May 1776; that said company belonged to a regiment commanded by Colonel *don't know* Lt. Colonel *don't know* and Major *don't know*. That the company was ordered out to go to New York and the aforementioned deponent served in the said corps until on or about the 10<sup>th</sup> of July 1776 (as near as he can remember) when the company returned from New York to Hartford and was dismissed.

That when he entered service, he resided in Windsor in the County of Hartford, in the State of Connecticut and was marched from Hartford to New York and there performed military service in the line of his duty until the company returned and he was dismissed having been absent on this tour of service (at least) one month and perhaps longer. That the deponent knows of no person now alive who served with him.

I marched from Hartford Connecticut to the Peekskill in State of New York and in a few days crossed the Hudson River and proceeded to Hackensack and afterward Newark, then to Elizabethtown, then to New Brunswick and when in New York he went with the company many places that the names of which he has entirely forgotten, - and returned in a different route to the Hudson River above Peekskill where they crossed the river where deponent was discharged in a place near Peekskill in the State of New York by General Charles Lee and returned home sometime (he is pretty certain) the later part of December 1776. Having faithfully served on this tour a little more (as he believes) than five months – the deponent says that he received a written discharge (on account of a weakening and \_\_\_?\_\_\_ of his heart, so that he could not ride for many years – he presumes that is has been destroyed or lost a long-time ago.

That while at New York on his first tour, he saw several field officers, he saw General Putnam and he saw other Generals on his second tour of service. He saw General Washington at Newark and the deponent with his company, attended the General in an excursion around \_\_\_?\_\_\_ hills westerly of town – and that the deponent also saw many other generals and field officers, whose names he then knew but due to the imperfection of his memory he is not able at this time to state

them, that his services on both tours amount in the whole to at least six months and he thinks seven months.

*And in reply to certain interrogatories prescribed by the War Department and propounded by the Court, the deponent further declares,*

*1<sup>st</sup>. That he was born at Windsor in the County of Hartford and the State of Connecticut on the 16<sup>th</sup> day of December 1747.*

*2<sup>nd</sup>. That the day of his birth was recorded in his father's family bible and transcribed in the family bible of the deponent.*

*3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>. That when he was called to service, he resided at the place and town as herein before stated; and served in a manner set forth in the preceding declaration.*

*5<sup>th</sup>. That the general circumstances of his service are detailed in the preceding declaration, and also the names of such officers are as he distinctly recollects.*

*6<sup>th</sup> That he received a written discharge from the service but has lost it many years ago.*

*7<sup>th</sup>. That he is personally know by Asabel Clark, Mrs. Mabel Skinner and Enoch \_\_\_\_?\_\_ who are respectable persons in the neighborhood where he now resides, and can testify as to his character for veracity, and also their belief of his services as a soldier of the Revolution.*

*And the said Samuel Eggleston 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 Agency of any State.*

*Sworn to and subscribed, the day and year aforesaid. Samuel Eggleston*

*And the said Court do hereby declare in their opinion after investigation of the matter, and putting the interrogatories prescribed by the War Department, that the above named applicant was a Revolutionary Soldier, and served as he states. And the Court further certifies that it appears to them that Asabel Clark, Mrs. Mable Skinner and Enoch \_\_\_\_?\_\_\_\_ whose affidavits are hereto affixed are credible persons and that their statements are entitled to credit.*

*I, Jonathan Edwards, Judge of the Probate Court for the District of Hartford do hereby certify that the foregoing contains the original proceeding of the said Court in the matter of the application of Samuel Eggleston for a pension.*

*In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and seal of office the 7<sup>th</sup> day of May 1835.*

*Jonathan Edwards  
Judge of Probate*



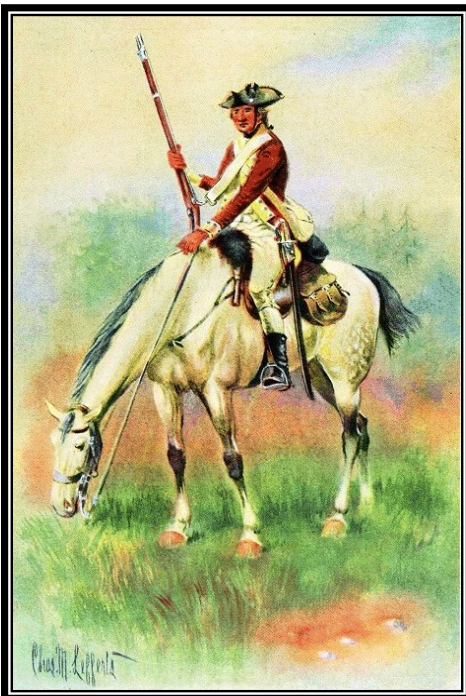
**Captain Thomas Youngs Seymour  
painted in Hartford in 1793**

**Seymour's Regiment of Light Dragons**



***"Don't fire until you see the whites of their eyes"***

*--- General Israel Putnam at the Battle of Bunker Hill, 1775*



***Uniform of Light Infantry/Dragoon's***

The troops or companies of light horse raised in the Colony of Connecticut, during the war, were formed into several regiments and few wore the same dress. This troop wore felt hats with an iron crown piece inside as protection from saber cuts. Their uniforms were brown faced with buff, waistcoats and breeches of coarse white linen, white wool stockings, short gaiters or spatterdashes of black leather and steel spurs. Their arms consisted of saber, pistols and long carbine slung on the right side, from a shoulder belt of white buff-leather. The cartridge box was carried in the waistbelt on the right side. When not in use, the carbine was carried muzzle forward in a leather bucket attached to the right side of the saddle,