

REVOLUTIONARY WAR PENSION APPLICATION

THOMAS QUIGLEY

NEW JERSEY

1818

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Service		Number
New Jersey	Quigley, Thomas	S. 43879
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Elijah Miller, Esq; Judge
Auburn, Cayuga Co., New York
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Thomas Quigley; Naval Service,
Revolutionary Claim
Admitted
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There are no rolls, or other record in the pension office to prove the statement of the applicant. The testimony, on oath, of two or more disinterested and credible persons, showing that the claimant served 9 months, in continuance, on Continental establishment, is required. The judge is desired to certify, under the seal of the court, that he is satisfied the applicant is in indigent circumstances, and needs the support of his country.
May 7, 1818.

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State of New York, Cayuga County

On May 7, 1818, before me the subscribed first judge of the court of Common Pleas in and for the County of Cayuga aforesaid, personally appeared Thomas Quigley, aged 74 years and resident in the town of Genoa in said County, who being by me first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration, in order to obtain the pension made by the late act of Congress, entitled "An act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war; that said Quigley was regularly commissioned first lieutenant under Captain Thomas Kilgear in the navy of the United States on or about the first day of September 1775 and ordered on board the armed Schooner General Putnam, was ordered and stationed to cruise along shore from Cape May to the east end of Long Island; that after about three months the Captain left the schooner, when the command of the same devolved on said Quigley four about a year; that he was then discharged from said Schooner at Egg Harbor by Captain Thomas Randle as agent for the Government, and was ordered to join the land forces commanded by his Excellency George Washington, which the deponent did with his crew, consisting of 32 men on or about the last of November 1776; that he served under his Excellency at the battle of Trenton; that he was also in the battle of Princeton, and was in the advanced guard and near General Mercier when he received his mortal wound at that place, and was in sundry other actions until 1780, when said Quigley was appointed Captain of the United

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States vessel flag sloop Peace and Plenty, and sailed in the service of the United from New Jersey to New York as a flag of truce; that he continued to command said flag sloop until peace was declared, when he was regularly discharged; said Quigley for the further says that his commission and most of his papers are lost, and that he cannot to his knowledge make any better proof of the facts above stated, than his own solemn declaration under oath, and that owing to his age and reduced circumstances in life needs the assistance of his Country for support.

Sworn an subscribed this day
& year above mentioned.

[s] Thomas Quigley

E. Miller

I, Elijah Miller, first judge as aforesaid, to certify that it appears to my satisfaction that the said Thomas Quigley did serve in the revolutionary war, as stated in the preceding declaration against the common enemy; and I now transmit the proceedings _____ taken and had before me to the secretary of the department of war pursuant to the directions of the aforementioned act of Congress.

Auburn, Cayuga County, New York; May 7, 1818.

[s] E. Miller

I further certify that I am well acquainted with captain Thomas Quigley above named, and am satisfied that he is in indigent circumstances and needs the support of his country. August 25, 1818

[s] E. Miller

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Clerk's Office, Cayuga County, State of New York

I certify that Elijah Miller Blanc _____ named in the is the first judge of the Court of Common _____ of said County, and that his name subscribed to the above deposition, and to the above certificate, and a is the hand writing of the said judge.

In testimony where of I have hereto subscribed my name and affixed the seal of the said County May 8th, May 1818.

[s] E.T. Throop, Clerk

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Sir:

I transmit you the enclosed letter from Mrs. Sinclair. I will thank you to communicate to me any information in relation to her claim which may be in your power. Ba pleased to cause the letter to be returned to me.

I am Sir respectfully your obedient servant.
L.P. Waldo, Esq.

[s] L. P. Waldo

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Steuben County

Abner Price, now residing in the town of Reading in the said County of Steuben in the state of New York, being duly sworn doth depose and say that he will was personally acquainted with Captain Thomas Quigley at the time of the revolutionary war; that he was knowing to the same Captain Thomas Quigley, being in the Continental Service of the United States in the war of the revolution for the term of about two years and that he, this deponent, frequently saw the said Captain Thomas Quigley in the service of the United States in the revolutionary war for about two years as aforesaid, and verily believes that he served so long time as that, or longer, at one period of the war.

[s] Abner Price

The fifth and Sworn and subscribed the
Aug 22nd, 1818 AD

Before me, John Dow, one of the judges of the Court of Common Pleas in and for the said County of Steuben in the State of New York.

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Cayuga County

Captain David Price of Scipia in the County of Cayuga, aged 57 years to me known, who being duly sworn says; that he is well acquainted with Captain Thomas Quigley now of Genoa in said County; that in the years 1781 & 1782, this deponent resided in Elizabethtown in the State of New Jersey; that during those years he was acquainted with the said Thomas Quigley; that said Quigley was then in the service of the United States on the Continental establishments in the Revolutionary War as a Captain in the command of the United States vessel Flagg Sloop Peace of Plenty, that sailed from Elizabethtown Point and other places in New Jersey to New York in the United States service, in carrying prisoners of war with their baggage within the enemies lines and every other necessary service requisite to be performed for our own prisoners as a flag of truce. And this deponent further says that during the years aforesaid he frequently saw the said Captain Quigley in Command and in service as aforesaid, and that he knows that said Captain Quigley continued in said service in command of said Sloop for more than one year in continuation, and until the end of the war.

[s] David Price

Sworn August 25th, 1818

Before me

E. Miller

First judge of Cayuga County

In State of New York

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New York

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Thomas Quigley, Captain
 Armed Schooner General Putnam
 In the Naval Service of the United States
 During the Revolutionary War
 N.J. Sea Service

Described on the Roll of New York
 at the rate of 20 Dollars per month, to commence
 May 7th, 1818

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Certificate of Pension issued Sept. 18th, 1818
 and sent to the care of Elijah Miller, Esq.
 Auburn, Cayuga County, N.Y.

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Arrears to Sept. 4 th , 1818	\$78.71
Semi-annual, all'ce ending Mar 4, 1819	120.00
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	\$198.71

3 mos.: 29/31

{Revolutionary claim}
 {Act Mar 18th, 1818}
 8 Years

Suspended by letter
 Dec 15, 1819

Genoa, Cayuga Co.

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Affidavit of Capt. Thomas Quigley _____ the time and manner in which he served in the land _____
 in the Continental Establishment in the Army of the Revolution.

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State of New York

Cayuga Count Capt. Thomas Quigley of Genoa in the said County of Cayuga, being duly sworn _____ oath and saith that himself and his crew consisting of all the about 32 sailors left the armed schooner General Putnam in the Fall of the year 1776 and went into the land service and served as ____ but in the United States service under the orders of General Washington; that he this deponent with his crew of sailors aforesaid was at & engaged with the enemy at the taking of the 900 Hessians at Trenton in New Jersey in the latter part of the year 1776; that he was with his sailors aforesaid at the Battle of Princeton which took place then after; that he continued in the service with his sailors aforesaid for more than two years in continuation in which time he was the Captain & commander of the Company of sailors aforesaid, in the State of New Jersey; that he was under the command first of General Washington, then

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of General Putnam, then of General Maxwell, & remained under the command of the latter general till September 1780 when he took the Command of the flag sloop Peace of Plenty; that during the time he was in the land service and afterward he and his _____ were as this deponent believes considered a muster of continental soldiers and paid as the other troops who were in the continental establishment, but on account of his _____ being sailors as aforesaid there are not as this deponent believes _____ into any regiment so as to become a part of any particular line so that this deponent cannot give any more _____ account of the regiment or line in which he served in the land service than as above stated.

Subscribed and sworn to this
13th January 1820 before me.

[s] Thomas Quigley

E. Miller
First judge of
the County of Cayuga and
State of New York

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Being called upon to certify & declare what I know respecting the services of Captain Thomas Quigley during the revolutionary war & having seen a copy of his own statement of the same, I do hereby certifying that I know from report only, & not of my own immediate knowledge, of his having served as a Commissioned officer on board of the Armed Schooner General Putnam, being then myself with the third Jersey Regiment at Fort Schuyler & in Canada.

I recollect well, & can certify, that he commanded, as Captain, the public flag sloop called "Peace of Plenty" for one whole year & upwards, stationed for the most part at this post, where by General Washington's order, a public vessel was to be kept with a white flag continually flying to secure her from capture. This being a frontier post & within 15 miles of the city of New York, it was specially fixed upon

by an arrangement between the Commander of both armies for the exchange of prisoners, & one of Department Commissaries, General of prisoners were as stationed & resided here for more than two years under flag protection to receive from their licensed flag vessel, & send over in ours, the prisoners who were from time to time interchanged. I do further certify that I was stationed at this post for at least one year or more in the years 1778, 1779, 1780, & 1781 (a part of each) & for some considerable portion of it was the commanding officer, when several hundred British & American prisoners past to & from this part of the city of New York in interchange, and that the said flag sloop Peace of Plenty under command of Captain Thomas Quigley was always employed in the transportation of said prisoners, & in carrying dispatches of a public nature from the Commander in chief, Adjutant General, Commanding General of prisoners, etc., & in conveying to the enemy such persons as were sent out of the country by order of Congress, the Board of War, & by the Governors or Executives of the several States. Many of these passed through my hands, & it was a positive & standing order from General Washington to dispatch

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all by water to the city as soon as possible. Captain Quigley was employed in every instance that I recollect, as an officer in the Continental service to take them on board his flag sloop, deliver them in New York, & obtain the requisite receipts for the dispatches of prisoners delivered. And I do further certify that, during my command at this post, there was planned & executed an expedition to the point of Staten Island within one mile of New York Bay (the direction & command of which I gave to said Captain Quigley) in order to take & bring off two gunboats with their crews which annoyed us very much along our frontier coast; that this party consisting of 36 to 40 men, about one-half volunteers from this to vicinity & the others, a Sergeants Sproules of 18 men which I spared them from my Company, succeeded beyond my utmost expectation, by most gallantly boarding & taking & bringing off with them to this post by water, the two captured boats with about 30 prisoners. And I do further certify that I have good reason to know, that neither the above expedition, nor one other very bold & one in cutting out a sloop in New York Harbor within pistol shot of the battery, would have been undertaken, & much less carried through so very successfully, if the said Captain Quigley had not been foremost in advising, planning and conducting them, if it may therefore most safely be asserted, that he must be regarded as in far the greatest degree instrumental in gaining for our country at least 60 prisoners who of course by exchange, liberated as many of our citizens as soldiers who were prisoners with the enemy, & in capturing two armed boats fully manned which kept us in constant alarm & committed name many depredations on our unprotected shores.

Given at Elizabeth Town in the state of New Jersey this 8th February 1820.

[s] Jona Dayton – formerly
Captain in the third Jersey
Regiment during the
revolutionary war

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Borough of Elizabeth, County of Essex, State of New Jersey. Be it known that on the 8th February 1820, before me Shepard Hollock one of the Judges of the Court of common pleas in and for county of Essex, came Captain Samuel Harriman an old inhabitant & native of this Borough, who being duly sworn did depose & say that he was well acquainted with Captain Thomas Quigley for more than 40 years, & knew him to be the Captain & Commander of the public flag sloop Peace of Plenty in the United States service for more than two years, & to be the regular flag officer, who took in, & brought out prisoners, public dispatches etc. to & from Elizabethtown & the city of New York. And this deponent further said that he himself went as a volunteer under the command of said Captain Quigley with 14 or 15 other volunteers & a sergeant Sproules & 18 soldiers of the Continental troops under the orders of General (then Captain)Dayton, who at that time commanded all this post, & _____ Staten island by _____the enemy's pickets & patrols, & took two large whale or gunboats with about 30 prisoners near the Bay of New York, brought them to this place & delivered them to our Deputy Commissary General of prisoners. And this deponent further said that in the last year of the war, he this deponent with a party of men under the command of said Captain Quigley & Captain Crane of the militia grenadiers made an excursion in a whale boat passing the hills and up New York Bay, & cut out at the point of their battery a large sloop laden with rum & 10 or 12 cannons six pounders, and brought her in, the same night to this post, with about 30 prisoners, including three Captains (one of an armed ship, & one of a 16 guns armed privateer) who were on board the sloop when she was boarded and taken. And further said not.

Sworn to before me the day of date
first abovementioned.
[s] Shepard Hollock

[s] Samuel Harriman

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New Jersey

Essex County I Lisa Whitehead, clerk of the court of common pleas in and for the County of Essex aforesaid do certify that Shepard Hollock, Esquire, before the foregoing addidavit was taken, was at the time of taking thereof and now is one of the Judges of said court. And that his name thereto subscribes his proper hand writing.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed the seal of said court the 10th February AD 1820.

[s] Asa Whitehead

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File No. Navy 43879

Thomas Quigley

Captain

Armed Schooner General Putnam
Revolutionary

Act March 18, 1818

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See Quigley's papers