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Massachusetts &  
N. H. ServiceTENNEY, EDMUND

Sarah, widow

August 28, 1832 Edmund Tenney of Pelham, Hillsborough County, New Hampshire, seventy-six years of age, deposed:

that he enlisted as a Militia man in January 1776 under Lieut. Jonathan Gage to go to Charlestown, Mass; started immediately and joined the company commanded by Capt. Allen; Lieut. Stone and JONATHAN GAGE acted as Lieutenant; and THOMAS SPAFFORD, now of Pelham, as Ensign; we were stationed in what was called Temple's House until the British evacuated Boston after which our company marched to Bunker Hill and was stationed there until his time - two months - was up. "After we went on the Hill I saw sundry articles which the British left there in their haste to get away."

that in 1777 a call was made for men to assist in Capturing Burgoyne. About thirty volunteered from Pelham for one month. "We chose our officers before we started; AMOS GAGE as Captain; ROBERT NEVENS, Lieutenant, and Capt. Spafford of Pelham acted as Orderly Sergeant. Some men from other towns joined us to make up the company and some

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of the officers were chosen from these. We set out as soon as we were organized and went to Bennington; from there to Fort Miller where we staid a short time and then to Fort Edward "where they were stationed most of the entire time. "We crossed the North river where we were in expectation of an engagement with the Hessians but this prevented by a surrender of the British army.

While we were at Fort Edward a party of our men brought in between fifty and sixty Indians, whom they had captured and a number of wounded British soldiers;"

that in 1781 six men were called for from Newburyport Mass., to go to West Point in August. Captain Whittier was employed by the drafted men to obtain substitutes, and "six men enlisted from Pelham; JOHN FERGUSON, JACOB MARSH, AMOS KENT, JOSIAH COBURN, JAMES FERGUSON, and myself. We went to Newburyport, enlisted for three months; passed muster." marched to Worcester, Mass., and placed under Lieut. Davis of Newburyport; then marched through Springfield to West Point, N.Y., "where we were stationed until our time was up;"

that he, having been ill, was in the hospital about

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the time the time was up, and received a written discharge three days before his service actually expired, but was paid for the entire three months;

that he was born at Rowley, Mass., September 10, 1756; lived in Pelham, N.H., when he enlisted and has lived there ever since.

Edmund Tenney.

John H. Church D. D. and Samuel M. Richardson, both of Pelham, certified that it is the general belief in the neighborhood in which Edmund Tenney lives, that he has been a soldier in the Revolution, in which opinion we concur.

John H. Church,  
Saml. M. Richardson.

July 20, 1832 THOMAS SPAFFORD of Pelham, N.H., Gentleman, testified to service with Edmund Tenney under Capt. Amos Gage, in 1777 for one month. At that time he served as Orderly Sergeant and Edmund Tenney as private.

The same day he testified again about serving with Edmund Tenney in 1776 under Capt. Allen when Edmund Tenney still served as private and he as Ensign.

Thomas Spafford.

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July 20, 1832 BENJAMIN BARKER of Pelham, N.H., testified to the service for two months, beginning in February 1776.

Benjamin Barker.

August 21, 1832 JOHN WILLIAMS of Acworth, N.H., seventy-four years of age, testified to service with Edmund Tenney under Capt. Amos Gage of Pelham where he (deponent) then lived. "I was taken sick about two days before our term expired and did not join the company again, but Edmund Tenney served up to the time he was taken sick.

John Williams.

July 20, 1832 JACOB MARSH and JOSIAH COBURN, both of Pelham testified to service with Edmund Tenney as stated in 1781. Both of them messed with Edmund Tenney.

Joseph Marsh  
Josiah Coburn

Claim allowed.

April 8, 1844 Sarah Tenney of Pelham, N.H., eighty years of age, deposed:

that she is the widow of Edmund Tenney, Revolutionary Pensioner, to whom she was married August 14, 1783;

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and that her husband died January 20, 1844.

Signed by mark.

Same day Edmund D. Tenney of Pelham, N.H., testified that he is the son of Edmund and Sarah Tenney and that Edmund Tenney died at his house January 20, 1844, and that his mother's maiden name was Sarah Ferguson.

Edmund D. Tenney.

March 20, 1844 the Town Clerk of Pelham, N.H., certified that the marriage of Edmund Tenney and Sarah Ferguson, by Rev. Amos Moody is recorded on the books of the town.

Frédéric A. Spofford  
Town Clerk.

Claim allowed; and at her death November 24, 1844 the arrears of pension were paid to her three surviving children:

John F. Tenney, Lucinda Stiles and Edmund D. Tenney.

(Only Revolutionary Pensioner named Edmund Tenney from any state. BMD.)

Lived on Tenney Road. Descendents to Salem, NH and Methuen, MA  
Edmund and Sarah Ferguson Tenney ancestors of William T. Hayes.