

Pension Application for James Gambell or Gamble

S.16125

State of Ohio

Richland County SS.

On the 17th day of June 1833 personally appeared in open court of the Court of Common Pleas of said County James Gamble a resident of said county and state aged 74 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 provisions of the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

That he was born in Dutchess County in the State of New York in the year 1759 and has no record of his age except in his father's Bible. That he entered into the service of the United States in the Revolutionary War at Sandy hill in Washington County in the State of New York as a corporal in, he thinks, May 1778.

The company to which he belonged in the Militia of the State of New York was called together for a draft and he with others volunteered to make up the greater required.

He entered into the service as a corporal in the New York Militia under Captain Thomas Bradshaw—Lieutenant David Valance and Ensign Dunning—the Company were called Rangers and was under the command of Col. Warner of Vermont or attached to his Regiment—He was stationed at Kingsbury. The company ranged from Sandy hill to Half way brook—thence to Bloody pond thence North East to French Mountain thence to Fort Ann, thence back to Kingsbury. He continued in the service until late in the month of December 1778 and served at least seven months—During this tour he did not become acquainted with any of the Regular Officers—as there were none to his knowledge in that neighborhood. Col. Warner's Regiment were called Green Mountain Boys and he supposed they were Militia or Volunteers about the last of December 1778 he was dismissed and returned home but received no written discharge.

About the first of May 1779 he again entered into the service of the United States at Kingsbury in the Militia of the State of New York as a corporal in said Militia—He volunteered as before and was under the same officers—

The company were called Rangers. He was stationed in Kingsbury at Stephen Castle's Barn—From Kingsbury they ranger to Bloody Pond—thence to French Mountain—thence to Fort Ann—thence to South Bay at the South End of Lake Champlain—thence to Skeensborough (now White hall) where late in the fall they encamped or were stationed—

During this tour he saw some Regular Officers but does recollect their names—the company to which he belonged acting generally as a detachment of rangers.

Toward the latter part of February 1780 he was discharged and received a written discharge from his Captain Thomas Bradshaw which is not lost—He served this tour at least nine months—

At the time he entered into the service he was residing in the Town of Kingsbury Washington County. He knows of know [sic] particular transaction relative to the war

which occurred under his own observation—the next day after he was discharged the Station at Skeensborough was taken by the enemy and destroyed and the Captain under whom he had served was taken prisoner together with many of his men.—

After the revolution he continued to reside in Washington—from thence he removed to Saratoga County thence to Ontario County in the same State.—From Ontario County he removed to Sharon in Richland County Ohio in June 1824 where he now resides

He has no documentary evidence and knows of no person whose testimony he can procure to prove his services Dennis Orton Esqr and Jay Smiley Esq—reside in my present neighborhood and can testify to my character for truth and veracity and their belief of my services as a soldier of the revolution—

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares his name is not on the Pension roll of the agency of any state.

(Signed) James Gambell

Sworn to & subscribed before me in Open Court 17 June 1833. Ellzey Hedges
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