

Pension Application for Solomon Palmer

S.23353

State of New York

Delaware County SS.

On this 9th day of October 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Court of Common Pleas now sitting Solomon Palmer a resident of that town of Delhi in the County of Delaware and state of New York aged 82 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.

In the month of May 1777, at New Livingston, County of Dutchess he volunteered or enlisted as a private with a company of State Troops or militia commanded by Capt. William Calkins. The Lieut was a Mr. Tubbs the Ensign not recollected—Henry Luddington was the Colonel & Eben'r Purdy was major of the regiment to which said company was attached.

He enlisted for six months – march[ed] with the company into Westchester was engaged there guarding the lines patrolling & on scouting parties—went to attack the enemy when he [lived?] at Peekskill—and on other occasions went in pursuit of the enemy but was in no engagement—served the six months & was discharged by a written discharge but it is lost.

In May 1779 he engaged in the service on the lines for six months, in what were then called the “flying camp”—under the command of the said Captain Calkins & Col. Luddington served the whole of said six months in guarding the lines & coast—patrolling & scouting parties &c, and at the expiration of said term of service was discharged at Philips' manor & returned home to his residence in Pawlingstown. He had a discharge or pass, something written & signed by his commanding officer, but it is lost—we had some skirmishes & took some prisoners but had no battle or general engagement.

In the spring of 1781 he engaged In the same kind of service as above for nine months, as a private under the command [of] Capt. William Benjamin Elliott was lieutenant of the company, Wm Pierce was the colonel of the regiment to which the company was attached. While the Continental troops were withdrawn to Virginia for the capture of Cornwallis he & the crops to which he belonged were engaged in the defence of the lines In WestChester County & along the North River & protecting the property & persons of our citizens from the depredations of the enemy.

He was not discharged till winter—He had served in that tour, full nine months—was discharged at Fishkill & returned home to Pawlingstown—His discharge is lost.

He was born at Cortland's Manor in Westchester on the 26th October 1750. Resided there till 1772 when he removed to Pawlingstown In Dutchess county where he resided there till 1794 when he removed to Delaware County where he has resided

ever since. He has a record of his age in his family Bible entered by himself as his father gave it to him.

He has no documentary evidence & he knows of no person by whose testimony he could prove his services.

He 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 the agency of any state. (Signed) Solomon Palmer

Sworn to and subscribed the day & year aforesaid. C. B. Sheldon , Clerk