

Pension Application for Josiah Purdy

S.11271

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

State of New York

Madison County SS.

On this 9th day of October 1832 personally appeared in open court before the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas of said Madison County now setting Josiah Purdy a resident of Georgetown in the said County of Madison aged seventy two years & upwards 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.

Firstly. That he entered the service of the United Sates under the following named officers & Served as herein after stated.

That the first of April 1779 then being a resident of Amenia in the County of Dutchess [Dutchess] & State of New York he enlisted at that place for two months under Captain Daniel Shephard & went to Fishkill & from there to West Point & then to Verplanks Point & then to Stoney Point & then to Haverstraw & Dobbs ferry & he was often at Peekskill & he was finally discharged at Fishkill after serving full two months early in June.

That Captain Shepard full [?] at the end of about one month from the commencement of declarants time of service & declarant was then commanded by Emanuel Duell a Lieutenant, Second Lieutenant was one Woods—Ichabod Squires was orderly Sergeant—Roswell Hopkins was Colonel.—

Declarant was verbally discharged at the end of his two months.

Secondly. That about the month of August 177[?] then being a resident of Amenia Dutchess County he was drafted into the company of Captain Samuel [?]- Does not know to what Regiment he then belonged & supposes no Regiment was employed in the time of said Declarant [?]-Which was to guard the military stores at Fishkill—the company [??] from the whole militia regiment to which declarant belonged by a draft as declarant then understood—The company to which rendezvoused at Beekmantown in Dutchess County & marched from thence through the Country to Fishkill where declarant served out his time of two months & was verbally discharged about the middle of October 1779.

Thirdly. That about the middle of April 1780 at Amenia aforesaid he enlisted for six months at a guard to a convoy of wagons going loaded with military stores from Amenia to Fishkill under Judah Burton a wagon Master who ranked as Captain as declarant understood & believed. That declarant went on from Amenia to Fishkill with the wagons & went several trips, declarant thinks five or six backwards and forwards with the wagons—And declarant says that after serving out about half his time in the manner aforesaid Captain Burton recommended to declarant to join Captain Colby Chamberlains company & serve out the residue of his time there which declarant did & went with the company to Albany by water & then marched up the Mohawk by land & was finally stationed at Stone Araby where Colonel Dubois commanded as Colonel &

Hugh M. Cormik as adjutant—was in a skirmish at Stone Araby & within a few feet of Colonel Brown when he fell—And on the same day declarant was wounded in the leg in a skirmish at Canajoharie—That he was discharged verbally at Stone Arabia the last of October having served from the time of his muster six months & ten days—That Colonel Brown was from Massachusetts.

Fourthly. That the third of May 1781 at Amenia aforesaid he again enlisted for six months under a Captain iSalisbury & a Colonel Brown where Christian Mann's declarant does not recollect nor does he know that he [???] Ezra Payne was adjutant of the Regiment one Thomas Quartermaster & William Shaw was orderly sergeant of declarant's company. That the company & regiment rendezvoused at Fishkill & marched through Rhinebeck & Poughkeepsie & other towns on the route to Albany, -- then up the Hudson to Stillwater & remained there stationed about two months then back to Albany—then up the Mohawk river to Stone Araby, Fort Herkimer, Fort Stanwix, & occasionally to German Flatts & Stone Arabia—That as declarant understood the [?] of the troops, it was to guard the frontier against the hostile Indians & Tories. That he was verbally discharged at the mouth of Schoharrie Creek at a place then called Fort Hunter early in November 1791, having served out his tour of six months.

That he has no documentary evidence except the affidavits of Joel Thompson, David Wilbur, Jeremiah Purdy & Obadiah Lunn hereto annexed & that he knows of no other person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his services. That declarant was born January 18, 1760 at the town of Rye in the County of Westchester & b Sate of New York. That he knows of no record of his age but believes his statement as above to be true.

That he lived at the places above stated when called in the service.

That since the Revolutionary War & immediately after the close he resided at Clinton Town of Dutchess County for about thirteen or fourteen years as he believes, tho he may be mistaken as to the precise time. That from there he removed to Shurburne, Chenango County in the State of New York, where he resided about thirteen years as nearly as he can remember, from there to DeRuyter now called [??] where he has since resided for the last twenty six years, or about that time.

That he went into service in the manner above stated.

That he recollects Colonel Willet & General Washington among the officers he saw during his service—also he often saw the Baron Steuben. That he never received a written discharge, or had a commission of any kind during the Revolutionary War.

That he hopes to [?] by Calvin Gross of [?] & Elijah Brown of same place to whom he is known in his present neighborhood. That he has a good character for veracity & their belief of his services aa a soldier of the Revolution.

He hereby relinquishes any claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present & b declares that his name is not on the roll of the agency of any state.
(Signed) Josiah Purdy

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid. A. S. Sloan Clk.

Letter in folder dated February 13, 1937, written in response to an inquiry.

Reference is made to your letter in which you request the Revolutionary War records of Stephen, Silas, Francis and Josiah Purdy, all of New York.

A careful search of the Revolutionary War records has been made in your behalf and no record found of claims for pension or bounty land having been made to the United States based upon the military service in that war of a Stephen, Silas or Francis Purdy. Such claims are the source of the data furnished by this office. The record of a Josiah Purdy, who served with the New York troops, has been found and is furnished herein.

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The data which follow are obtained from the papers on file in Revolutionary War pension claim, S.11271, based upon the military service in that war of Josiah Purdy.

Josiah Purdy was born January 18, 1760, in Rye, Westchester County, New York. The names of his parents are not shown.

While residing in Amenia, Dutchess County, New York, Josiah Purdy enlisted and served as a private with the New York troops, as follows: from April 1, 1779, two months under Lieutenant Emanuel Duel and Captain Daniel Shephard in Colonel Roswell Hopkins' Regiment from August, 1779, two months in Captain Samuel Waters' Company: from the middle of April, 1780, under Captain Judah Burton and acted as guard to a wagon train and in Captain Colbe Chamberlain's Company; in the service last named, marched to Stone Arabia, commanded then by Colonel Dubois, was in an engagement at that place and in one at Canajoharie where he was wounded in the leg; entire length of this service, six months and ten days: from May 3, 1781, six months under Captain Salisbury and Colonel Brown, marched up the Mohawk River and was engaged in protecting the frontiers from the Indians and Tories.

After the Revolution, Josiah Purdy lived at Clintontown, Dutchess County, New York for about thirteen years; then moved to Sherburne, Chenango County, New York and lived a number of years, then moved to Madison County, New York.

He was allowed pension on his application executed October 9, 1832, while residing in Georgetown, Madison County, New York, where he had lived for twenty-six years.

He died October 21, 1849, place not stated.

There are no data as to wife or children.

In 1832, one Jeremiah Purdy, aged seventy-five years, was a resident of Chenango County, New York, and stated that he knew the soldier, Josiah Purdy during the Revolution but gave no relationship.