

Pension Application for Justus Purdy

S.43873

Sstate of New York

County of Delaware SS.

On this fifteenth day of June 1826 personally appeared in open court in a Court of Oyer & Terminer & General [Goal?] delivery held at the Court House in the Town of Delhi in and for the said County of Delaware, being a court of record, by reason of having the power of fine and imprisonment &c.

Justus Purdy aged seventy five years (according to his best recollection) resident in the Town of Bovina in said County of Delaware, who being first duly sworn according to law—doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision 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 he the said Justus Purdy enlisted in the Town of Fishkill in the County of Dutchess in the State of New York in the Company commanded by Captain Samuel Lockwood in the Regiment commanded by Colonel John Lamb in the New York State line for the term of three years—that he so enlisted in the fall of the year 1777, that he continued to serve in the said Corps in the service of the United States until the fall of the year 1780—when he was discharged from service in [Toteawa?] (so called) in the State of New Jersey – that he was in the Battle of _____ that he received a discharge in said fall of 1780—he believes it was signed by Lt. Col. Stephens—that he kept it for some time—but eventually lost it—and that it has been lost for many years—that he is in reduced circumstances and stands in need of the assistance of his country for support. That he has no other evidence now in his power of his said services –than the affidavit of Sergeant Jeremiah Finch, hereto subjoined. (Signed with his mark) Justus Purdy

And I the said Justus Purdy, do solemnly swear, that I was a resident citizen of the United States on the 18 day of March 1818; and that I have not since that time by gift, sale or in any manner disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions of an 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” passed on the 18 day of March 1818—and that I have not, nor has any person in trust for me any property or securities, contracts or debts due to me—nor have I any income other than what is contained in the Schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed.

A Schedule of the property of Justus Purdy.

A parcel of Articles of furniture consisting

One bed & bedding, 4 very old chairs, a table, a pot and Kettle & some other articles amounting in value to \$15.00

Seven Fowls @ nine [?] a piece 0.63

An old Axe 0.87 ½

An old Scythe 0.37 ½

The chief part of two suits of clothes of woolen & cotton cheap & coarse in quality & worn 12.50

My wife has about the principal part of 2 or 3 suits of clothes considerably worn some of them of cheap quality. I do not remember the articles exactly. \$36.38.

The following articles of property are all I recollect of owning at & since the year 1818—over and above the foregoing—and have been disposed of as follows viz—ten sheep worth about \$10, -- turaned out to David Ballantyne on a large demand he had against one amounting according to the best of my knowledge to between thirty * forty dollars—done this last spring—two cows—one of them sold for \$12—which was expended in travelling expenses & fees to Judge—in going to Peekskill & obtaining the affidavit of Serjeant Finch hereto annexed—done this last spring—the other cow turned out last year to a neighbor for the purpose of gong to Connecticut & obtaining evidence & vouchers for this application—Rye of the value of eight dollars turned out to Jesse Purdy on a debt I owed him amounting to 20 dollars about—I owned a yoke of Oxen amounting to fifty dollars, which has been sold and distributed among my creditors on the following demands viz.

On a demand due to D. C. Wainright of about \$4.72

“Do” [or ditto] James Cawen \$3.80

Do. Robert Atkins 8.00

Do Jehiel Gregory 12.50

Do Doct. Osborn 8.00

Do Caty Atkins 0.75

Do Jno. Bennett 0.62 ½

Do Gil Reynolds 4.00

Do Balance David Ballantyne 26.00

Do Balance Jesse Purdy 12.00

Whether payments have been made to all of said Creditors on said demands I do not know—but the arrangement has been made to avoid suits & costs to turn out said cattle to Nicholas Fuller, who was to make the distribution—he has done it in part to the certain knowledge of this deponent, whether he has completed it this deponent does not know.

I have no one in family but myself and wife—I am old & infirm and incapable of getting my living by labor—in addition to the ordinary infirmities of old age. I suffer from a pretty severe rupture—Deborah my wife is aged about 77 years--& is unable to labor more than occasionally to wash dishes and sweep house—I have omitted to mention that I have been in possession of about forty acres of land—but have never had any title therefore – it is not my property. (Signed with his mark) Justus Purdy.

Sworn to and declares on the 15th day of June 1826 before me, John E. Buhans Clerk of said court.