

Pension Application for Solomon Purdy

S.27346

Lloyd Landing Nov 20, 1853.

Messrs. I was requested by the heirs of Sollomon [Solomon] Purdy, to write you a few lines respecting the pensions of the old revolutionary soldiers. The said Solomon Purdy was a lieutenant, he was faithful all through the revolution, and consequently met with many troubles and losses for our protection. There has not been any thing paid for his services. But we know if the cause is just, you are willing to inform us how to proceed, and as willing that all just pensions should be paid. We are prepared to prove by good evidence that Solomon Purdy was all through the revolution, he got his commission from General Washington.

He died in the year 1825, aged about 91, his wife lived 4 years after him and died about the same age. Please to inform us whether [wether] there will be any pay for the last four years of the widows life.

His name was on the record at Albany.

Please to examine your revolutionary record. I think you will find his name without doubt. Write me an answer as soon as you can conveniently for our main witness is a very [very] aged man who is not likely to last but a few days. Please to direct your letter to William S. Woolsey Lloyd Landing Ulster County N.Y.

Respectfully yours. Wm. S. Woolsey.

Letter in folder dated July 16, 1907.

In response to your letter dated the 3rd instant and received the 5th, you are advised that from the papers in the claim of Solomon Purdy (Inv. File No. 27,346), it appears that he was born December 11, 1759, and during the Revolution was a sergeant in Capt. James Teller's Company, Col. Samuel Drake's regiment of Westchester Co., N.Y. Militia; and on March 3rd or 4th 1782 while serving in Captain Israel Honeywell's Col. He received a pistol shot wound of right hip and was taken prisoner at Morrisania and exchanged after being confined in New York City for four months. In 1788 he was residing in Marlborough, Ulster County, N.Y. and in 1824 in Orange County, N.Y. He died in 1825 and his wife(whose name is onto stated) died about four years later.

He was pensioned as an invalid from October 1784 under the Act of June 7, 1785. [Letter unsigned]