

### **Pension Application for Paul Seamon**

This is listed as Illegible and was stuck at the end of the New York Pensions. It looks as if the pension number is S.22974. He was a private in the company commanded by Captain Cooper, of the Regiment commanded by Col. Drake in the N. York Line for 21 months.

State of New York

Rockland County SS

On this [blank] day of [blank] 1833 personally appeared before me tis subscriber, a Justice of the peace in and for the county and state aforesaid, Paul Seaman, a Pauper of the town of Clarkstown, in said County, aged eighty years, and personally well known in said county and to the subscriber as a man of truth and good standing; and being duly sworn saith, that he is the same Paul Seaman, who on the 30<sup>th</sup> day of November 1832, made a declaration under oath of his Revolutionary services, in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress of June 7, 1832, made a declaration under oath of his Revolutionary services, in order to obtain the benefit of the act of congress of June 7, 1832, which was done in open Court, then sitting in and for the county;, aforesaid, when his original declaration was made out, the pressure of business was such as to prevent him from detailing minutely each tower [tour] of duty he performed and specifying as accurately as he he [sic] has since learned is necessary, the officers who commanded on each occasion, and the time and nature of the duty. He has endeavored to refresh his memory, by bestowing more thought and reflection on the subject, and desirous that the Secretary of War and commissioner of Pensions will receive this as his amended declaration, in which he will endeavor to set forth more specifically and in as much detail as his memory will allow, the Revolutionary services he performed.

That to the first interrogatory prescribed by the war department and put to him by the Court on the thirtieth day of November, 1832, he did answer that he was born in the City of New York, on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of December, 1752, and to the second, that he has no record of his age, but the information he received of his mother which he when young entered in his Bible which he yet has in his possession.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers, and served as herein stated.

That in the month of March 1776. He enlisted for three months in a company commanded by Capt. Gilbert Cooper, land the Regiment of Col'n A. Hawkes Hay, then stationed at New City in Clarkstown, in the now county of Rockland aforesaid, and was marched from thence to Nyack, a landing place on the west side of the Hudson river, form which place we were conveyed with boats to the City of New York, at which place we were landed, from thence we were marched to a place called Bunkers hill, on York Island at which place the deponent with the rest of the company ere employed in making a fort, in which employment, as near as he can recollect they were engaged for more than two months, from which place they were marched to Clarkstown, where they remained a few days when their time of enlistment expired, having served the full period and there dismissed.

In the year 1776, the last of June or the first of July, he enlisted for five months (ona more mature reflection he is now led to believe it be five months and not six as is by him set forth inhis annexed declaration) under Capt. John Blauvelt, at Clarkstown in the now county of Rockland, aforesaid, from which place the deponent with the company was marched to Nyack, a landing place on the Bank of the Hudson river, from which place they were conveyed to the City of New York and there joined the Regiment commanded by Col'n Drake form New York, there remained some time, then the army crossed over to Long Island and was stationed near the village of Brooklin [Brooklyn] where we were employed for some time in building fortifications, sometime in the month of August the Battle on Long Island was fought, the American Army was forced to retreat, and the deponent with his company also retreated in the night, across the east river to the City of New York, they then was marched about three miles above the City to oppose the crossing of the British army, but being overpowered by numbers and the firing from the war vessels they was compelled to retreat, and marched to Kings Bridge, where he on or about the first of October, was taken sick and by the advice of the Surgeon was sent home when he believing it to be his duty, hired William Pool (long since deceased) as a substitute in his place, and he was confined to his bed for nine weeks, and was not fully restored to his usual strength until the troops returned home.

Fin the month of April 1777, he enlisted for three months, in a company commanded by Capt. John Garner, in Col'n A. Hawks [Hays] regiment then stationed along the Hudson River, from Haverstraw to Sneedens ferry, near the Jersey line, marching from place to place as necessity required guarding the shores and Landing places—The British Vessels were then moving up and down the river, and would often send out their flat bottom boars with men, land on the shores, and plunder the inhabitants, served the time and was discharged.

As soon as the above term of service was expired on or about the later part of July 1777 he enlisted for three months in a company commanded by Capt Garret Onderdonk, called Rangers who was attached to Col Hay's Regiment being in a company by him raised and served that time principally, in marching from place to place through the now County of Rockland and the county of Bergen;, in the State of New Jersey, where they from time to time received information that the Refugees, Tories, and British Army were making depredations on the Inhabitants, they were at Haverstraw, at Clarkstown at Tappan Town, at different places along the Hudson river from Haverstraw to Sneedens Landing at the Blockhouse near Judge Sufferns, at Closter, at the Liberty pole, at the English neighbourhood, at Schralenburgh, and at Old Tappan they seldom staid many days at one place and were almost continually on the march from place to place on different routs, [routes] and was in company with Col'n VanCortland's continental troops at the Block house at Suffern, served his time faithfully and was honorably discharg'd in the last mentioned services he was personally engaged in doing guard duty.

That on or about the first of May 1778, he entered the service in a company commanded by Capt. Jacob Onderdonk, in a Regiment commanded by Col'n A.

Hawkes Hay, and was stationed at Haverstraw, along the Hudson river, doing guard duty and served one month, and was dismissed that then about the middle of June, he again entered the service under his aforesaid Capt. And was stationed at the short clove in the town of Haverstraw, doing guard duty and served one month; and was dismiss'd.

That in the month of August of the same year he gain entered the service under his aforesaid Capt. And guarded along the North river at Nyack, at the State and at Snedens Landing and was marched to Serbralenbergh to Closter and to the Liberty Pole, at which several places the company remained sometime he cannot say how long at each, and while at the Liberty pole they were informed that the British army was gone up the North river and intended to Land at the slote to cut off their retreat when the militia companies then in Bergen County—marched to ClasLand in the town of Orange in the now County of Rockland, and while there he was sent with others to see—where the enemy was when he with his company was pursued by some of the British Light Horse, and only made their escape by getting [getting] into the mountain and then they went to Clarkstown where they joined their company who had in his absence retreated to Clarkstown where they lay until some time in the month of October, he not being relieved—did in his last recited services serve two months, and was dismiss'd at Clarkstown.

That about the last of May 1779 The British army having taken Stony Point, the Militia was called out to Defend the inhabitatnts, from the Sallies of the enemy, when he entered—entered [sic] the service under his aforesaid Capt Onderdonk, and was stationed at Haverstraw at different places, at the short clove along the Hudson river and near Stony Point, that he served doing guard duty until sometime in July, when Stony Point was taken by Gen'n Wayne, when he was dismis'd, having served one month and a half, that then about the first of August of the same year, the british having again taken possession of Stony Point, he was again called out, to guard at Haverstraw aforesaid, and continued doing guard duty until the first of December following, except being relieved three or four times for one week at a time (he does not now recolect [recollect] wither) in which tower (not including the time he was relieved) he served not less than three months.

That in the year 1780, he entered the service under the said Capt Onderdonk, about the first of April, and served regularly every fourth week until the first of December of the same year, that during the said services he was stationed doing guard duty along the Hudson river from Stoney point to Sneedons Landing as the British men of war moved up and down the said river, and also at Tappan Town, and at Clarkstown, that during said year he served in the said different periods not less than two months.

That he the said deponent served several tours of duty during the year 1781, and some in the year 1782, and several towers on different alarms during the time he served under the said Capt Onderdonk which he at this late period and after the lapse of so many years, being now very aged and infirm, he is unable to fix the prewise period thereof, which he does hereby relinquish. He has stated none but such as the

conscientiously knows he has performed. He in his original declaration has stated, that his services under the said Capt Onderdonk was by the week, two weeks and a month at the time, it had then escaped his memory of his services during the year 1779 while the British was in possession of Stony Point, and of much of his arduous duty by him performed, and it was not until after the sitting of the said Court, in conversation with men younger than himself and of better memory that his memory has been refreshed and prays that the Secretary at War and commissioner of pensions will make due allowance for his old age and the frailty of his memory, and will overlook the difference that does exist, and [blot] his pension agreeable to this his amended declaration. He has narrated the events of his services and the different periods thereof as he, having a conscientious regard to truth, at this late period is able to do, and if any error should exist he feels confident it is an error of the head and not of the Heart, and verily believes that he has faithfully served his country by his enlistment of 3 months, 15 months, (excepting the time he was sick which was the will of God) 3 months 3 months, [sic] and his various tours of ;Militia duty for the full term of twenty four months and a half, as a rivet [private] being in actuals service in the field for each term alledged and was not employed in any civil pursuit during the time the above mentioned services was performed and for such service he prays a pension—

He will endeavor as far as is in his power to prove his above recited services by a few of the survivors of the revolution for almost all who have served with him have been removed to the silent Tomb, and some have lost all recollection of him and his services, and not willing to testify for him, and prays that the war department will rest satisfied of his having served his country and he has stated by the testimony he does not herewith send. (Signed with his mark) Paul Seamon

Sworn and subscribed this 7<sup>th</sup> day of December 1833. Before me. John T. Blanch, Justice.