

Pension Application for Robert Stanton or Staunton

R.10062 (Widow: Sibel)

State of New York

Washington County SS.

On this 28th day of August 1832 personally appeared in open Court before the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas now sitting Robert Santon, a resident of Greenwich in said county aged seventy 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 7th 1832—That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated. That in the month of October in the year 1777 at Hoosic in the State of New York he volunteered to guard baggag[e] and provision wagons which were going to General Gates' Army then lying at Saratoga. He twice in succession on this duty — gone in all ten days—He was at the surrender of Burgoynes and assisted to carry off the spoil.

In the spring 1778 he was called out with the company of Militia to which he belonged under the command of Captain Samuel Hodges of which company Jhail Basley was Lieutenant joined to a Regiment commanded by Col. VanNess, and marched to Fort Edward, and from thence to Lake George to a Fort called Fort William Henry (alias Fort George) went through Lake George to Ticonderoga in pursuit of the enemy, was unsuccessful and returned home, was gone on this expedition two weeks. Then went to Bennington VT and hired out to work with Seth Porter, who soon after moved to Rupert in the same state, and this deponent went with him—At Rupert in the summer of 1779 he joined Captain Nathaniel Smiths company—David Sheldon being Lieut, and was called out at any time when an alarm came, which was very often—He went to Castleton, and afterwards to Rutland, & on other expeditions short ones the circumstances and places he does not recollect. They were called out often on such occasions—were commanded by Col. Pearle—He was in the service at this time as much as two months—

In the year 1780 he was in the same kind of service one month—In the year 1781 he volunteered for the Rupert into Captain Parmulee Allen's company, Colonel Walbridges Regiment. The company lay to Whitehall—Deponent joined the company the last of August or first of Sept. at Whitehall then called Skenesboro and went to work on the fort which was veiling there, but which was afterwards abandoned. Captain had hence afterwards to pick a company from the whole regiment, and he did so. This deponent was one whom he selected—They were called rangers. They went out and scouted the country, up and down Lake Champlain, went as far north as Isle Aux Noix. Took about 600 prisoners during the season amongst them was an officer called Col. Marsh and also a tory by the name of Bosckenridge, was in the service until into the month of November, when he was discharged & went home. He received at that time which he has since sold to one Francis Robinson for 5 dollars—This period of service was a little more than 3 months.

During the summer of 1782 he was out at various times on scouts, in different directions—to say the least as much as two months. This deponent thinks it was longer, but can safely say it was that length. He lived at Williamstown Mass 9 years after the war & then went to Castleton Vt from thence moved to this town (Greenwich) ten years since. Was born in Rhode Island in Exeter, county of Kent, 2d Feb 1762.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not one the pension roll of the agency of any state. (Signed) Robert Stanton.

Sworn and subscribed the day and year aforesaid. J.S. Leigh, Clk