

Pension Application for Daniel Stevens

S.11478 (Died Feb 3, 1833. Silvia Gallaway, Hannah Denning & Abijah Stevens, heirs)

State of New York

Westchester County SS.

On this twentieth day of December in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred that thirty two personally appeared before me Ezra Lockwood one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in and for the County of West Chester Daniel Stevens a resident of the town of Poundridge in the said County of Westchester aged ninety one 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 sated. That is to say some time in the fore part of the summer of 1776 as this declarant now believes enlisted in a company commanded by Captain Abijah Gilbert as a private soldier for six months. That this declarant enlisted at South Salem in the said County of Westchester and was attached to the Regiment commanded by Colonel Thomas Thomas in the said state of New York and served out his term faithfully in actual service under arms. That this declarant was marched on to the Lines in said County of Westchester was at Fort Independence in said County of Westchester.

That this declarant volunteered his services the next year and was under from the spring or summer of one thousand seven hundred & seventy six til peace took place. That is to say he used to volunteer and went on to the Lines in said County & some times was out for six months in a year, sometimes for only two months and three months received permission to return home and stay a short time and then did volunteer his services again the same year and some years of the revolutionary war this declarant was in the actual service for six months some years for at least nine months. That this declarant well recollects that he volunteered his services as a private soldier under Samuel Lewis for nine months, joined the company and served out his time faithfully in actual service but this declarant cannot state for certainty what year this was that he volunteered his said services under Captain Samuel Lewis but believes it was in the latter part of the Revolutionary War.

That this declarant is now blind and has been for seven years and from his advanced age he cannot recollect dates so as to state the times and years with certainty that he served under the different officers but this declarant does not recollect. That before the British took possession of the City of New York this declarant went as a substitute for Moses Comstock of New Canaan and was attach'd to a Company commanded by Captain Gregory but his first name this declarant does not recollect and was marched to the City of New York, this was for a short time.

That this declarant never after this served as a substitute. That this declarant during the revolutionary war served under Captain Carter, Captain Hunter, Captain Hanford, and believes he served under Captain Benedict as who before stated Captain Gilbert & Captain Samuel Lewis. That this declarant well recollects Captain Nathaniel Slawson was under him as a volunteer was stationed at a place called Middlesex between Stamford and Norwalk Fairfield County and State of Connecticut.

That this declarant well recollects the British sued to send their boats across from Long Island that this service was served as the Company was annoyed day and night by the British.

That this declarant was in the battle at White Plains Westchester County & State of New York with the British Tories as a soldier in actual service was in the battle at Ridgefield Fairfield County & State of Connecticut, pursued the enemy to [?] in said County where we had another engagement with the British & recollects that one Lieutenant Jacob Travis had his arm shot off.

That this declarant was at Fort Independence help'd build said fort & Barracks near [Harrispond?] at that place but cannot say how long he remained at said place but believes it to be as much as four months or more. This declarant well recollects he was marched a while in said service to Tarry Town, Sing Sing, Peekskill, Crompound. That after the Battle at White Plains he this declarant was

marched at that place also to Rye, New Rochelle, Mamaroneck in the said county of Westchester and had frequent fighting with the enemy was also stationed a while at Hornuk in Fairfield County & State of Connecticut.

That this declarant has now stated to the best of his recollection the service and the Battles he well recollects but some small engagements & skirmishes he cannot tell the particular places. That this declarant was in actual service under arms for as much as four years serving the Revolutionary War. He thinks he can state with certainty that this declarant was born on the thirteenth day of June in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred & forty one at Stamford Fairfield County & State of Connecticut where this declarant resided till peace too place and shortly after this declarant removed to Poundridge Westchester County & State of New York where he has ever since resided & now resides.

That this declarant has no record of his age. The foregoing is a statement given this declarant by his parents. That this declarant was always living at Stamford aforesaid when he was called into service as aforesaid and never served as a substitute but once as aforesaid never was drafted. That he always volunteered & enlisted except as aforesaid. That this declarant recollects the following regular officers that were with the troops where he served as aforesaid. General Putnam, General Heath, Colonel Thomas, Colonel Hammond, General Arnold & Wooster, Colonel David Waterbury, Colonel Hoyt, Colonel Charles Webb.

That this declarant never received any written discharge but always served out his time faithfully and was honorably discharged.

This declarant always remained a true friend to his country & Independence.

That this declarant is known in his present neighborhood to John Fancher & Horatio Lockwood, both residing in the town of Poundridge in the said County of Westchester who can testify to this declarant's character for veracity, their belief of his age and their belief of his services as a soldier of the Revolution and he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and believes that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state. (Signed with his mark)
Daniel Stevens

Sworn to and Subscribed the day and year aforesaid before me Ezra Lockwood one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in and for said County.