

Pension Application for Joseph Stewart

R.10159

State of New York
Orange County SS.

Personally appeared before me the undersigned a Supreme Court Commissioner for Orange County, Joseph Stewart who being by me duly sworn saith that in the year 1776 he believes but cannot state the month that he enlisted in Captain John Little's Company of Infantry, Major Moses Hatfield and Colonel Isaac Nicholas for the term of five months and served the term out as third Sergeant that he mustered at Goshen in the County of Orange in warm weather and went to Kings Bridge and Frog's Point and was guarding and moving up and down the Hudson River and at the expiration of the term was honorably discharged which discharge is now lost.

That in the fall of seventeen hundred and seventy six, he thinks he was ordered out in the militia [militia] under Captain John Wisner the deponent thinks in Col. Nicholas regiment and marched to New Winsor [Windsor] and remained there until the river froze. That they then marched down the river on the ice that on the march the ice gave way, and the troops were saved by breaking their ranks and scattering, they went to Peeks kill and thinks the[y] were discharged at Peeks kill in this term deponent served as a drummer for the term of six months that he don't remember whether he received a written discharge or not but is sure that he was honorably discharged and that he served six months in this tour as a volunteer.

That he served under Captain Thomas Woolverton's in Col. Nichols' Regiment he thinks in the year 1777 but is not certain that they mustered in New York City, in the fall and [?] pretty much of the winter there the enemy laid off in the oscean [ocean?] deponent went down to the point of Long Island over to sea and [?] the enemy and a portion of the time in this tour we laid at Brooklyn on Long Island and a part of the time at Flatt Bush and was discharged in New York. That he served for six months in this term he served in this last term as a private.

That he thinks the battle of White Plains was during the first term of service above mentioned under Captain Little, General Washington commanded in New York—in the Second term he cannot recollect any other officers then those he has named—in the Third term above mentioned General Green commanded on Long Island.

That in the year 1779 he was out under Captain Lazarus Stewart in the militia in Col. Butler's Regiment was out about two days and during that time the Battle called Susquehannah Battle took place that deponent shot one Indian in that Battle within about four rods of deponent and how many more he cannot state. I hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity except the present and he declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency in any state—and that by reason of old age and the consequent loss of memory he cannot swear more positively than above that according to the best of his recollection and belief he served for not less than the periods mentioned below in the following grades of five months as third Sergeant for six months as a drummer and for six other months as a private that that [sic] his recollection has improved and got stronger since his original declaration was made but is still very feeble and infirm and that during the periods above stated he was not engaged in any civil employment [employment] but was entirely engaged in the service of his country.

And in answer to the interrogatories propounded to him by the court according to directions of the War Department to the first interrogatory, he says.

That he was born about seven miles from Elizabeth Town in the State of New Jersey he cannot state the year but he is now seventy eight years old.

2. He has no record of his age.

3. He lived in the town of Minisink in Orange County when he was called into service and still resides there and has lived there for sixty two years last past.

4. He enlisted as a volunteer on all occasions when he served.
5. He saw General Washington in New York and General green on Long Island but cannot recollect any other officers except those stated in his declaration.
6. He recollect one written discharge which he has lost on all other occasions he was discharged by word.
7. That he is known to Gelotus Grinnell, Thomas Wood and James Lain who can testify to his character for veracity and their belief of his services as a revolutionary soldier. (Signed with his mark) Joseph Stewart.

Sworn in open court the 28th day of May 1834 before me. Asa Dunning Clerk.