

Pension Application for Jonathan Sturtevant

W.2675 (Widow: Pegga Ann) August 4, 1853, Pegga Ann aged 72 applied for pension. That they were married by Elder King a minister of the Gospel and that her previous name was Pegga Ann Crandall, Wwdow of Benjamin Crandall. Pegga Ann and Jonathan were married Feb. 3, 1824. Jonathan died March 8, 1841 in Chemung, town of Elmire, NY State.

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At a Court of Common Pleas holden at the Court House in the Village of Elmira in and for the County of Tioga and State of New York commencing on the fourth day of Sept. 1832. Present [?] Frank B. Baldwin, First Judge, John K. Drake, Daruis Bentley, Joseph L. Darling & Elijah Shoemaker, Esquires, Judges.

State of New York

Tioga County SS.

On this 4th day of September 1832 personally appeared in open court before the Judges aforesaid, being a Court of Record because made so by the Constitution and Laws of the State, leaving by law a Clerk and Seal, now sitting Jonathan Sturtevant a resident of Elmira in the County of Tioga and State of New York, aged seventy one years the fourth day of February last 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 on or about the 15th of March 1778 he enlisted for nine months in the company of Captain Elijah Townsend in Col. Grayham's Regiment of New York State Troops; served out the said term and was discharged about the middle of December following his enlistment and went home; during this campaign the service was confined to protecting the east bank of the North River from the depredations of the British who had at the time the command of the river with their shipping and to prevent the Tories and Refugees from having any intercourse with the enemy by way of supplying them with provisions.

In the spring of the next year, 1779, he enlisted in the same Regiment for another term of nine months under Col. Grayham before mentioned but in the company of Capt. William Caulkins; served that term out and was dismissed the forepart of the winter following and returned home. During this last mentioned campaign of service he was again employed in guarding the shore of the North River till after the taking of Stoney Point from the British by Gen. Wayne which he thinks took place on the night of the 15th July of this year. He was then with the rest of the company employed a number of weeks in repairing this fortress which was situated upon the River about 40 miles north of the City of New York—the operations to put it in a complete state of defence were carried on vigorously as we understood that the British intended to retake it. The work at Stoney Point having been finished we were marched up to Albany; then up the Mohawk River as far as Fort Stanwix against the Indians—then march'd back to Albany and was dismissed some time in the forepart of the winter as he remembers laying out in the snow a number of nights before they reached Albany—

In the spring of 1780 he again enlisted for another term of nine months in the company of Capt. Williams and intended for the command of Col. Weisenfelt; after enlisting in this last mentioned campaign he with the rest of the company under Capt. Williams was marc'd to Albany, thence to Schenectady where we were stationed for some time waiting for orders—then march'd up the Mohawk River to Fort Herkimer—then to the German Flatts and remained a short time at the block house to assist the inhabitants against the Indians but we could not bring the Indians into an engagement—they retreated and fled—we were then march'd to Fort Stanwix farther west, then back to Albany; then down the North River into the State of New Jersey and here this deponent was placed out of the command of Capt Williams and attach'd to a corps under the special command of Col. Weisenfelt himself—he was then stationed upon the North River and about the time that Major Andre was

executed—this deponent saw him hung which he thinks was in the forepart of October of this year, he was then march'd up to Albany where in the beginning of the winter he was discharged having served out this last mentioned term of nine months; making two years and three months service in the whole.

He has no documentary evidence of his said services, and that he knows of no person whose he can procure who can testify to them.

And in answer to the several interrogatories put to him by the court he says that he was born in the Town of Fredericksburg in the County of Dutchess and State of New York on the fourth day of February in the year 1761. That he has a record of his age in his Bible which he set down as he received it from his parents.

That when he first entered the service of the United States he lived in the place of his nativity, after the War of the Revolution he continued to live at the same place till about the year 1810 when he came into the County of Seneca about twenty five miles north of his present residence where he lived but a short time; then came into the North part of the Town of Elmira his present residence.

That in all his services as before stated he was a volunteer. That Gen. George Clinton, Gen. James Clinton and Gen. Wayne were with the troops where he served.

That when he finished the last campaign of his service he received a certificate of discharge at Albany, but never received any for the two previous terms of service; that he does not now recollect by whom that certificate was given and that it was lost with his Pocket Book a short time after it was given, since which he has neither seen or heard of it. That he would refer to Henry Bruse, John Jackson and Ebenezer Sayre Citizens living in the North part of Elmira aforesaid, as persons who are acquainted with his reputation for truth and veracity and who can testify to their belief in the truth of the foregoing statement.

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

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid. Sept 4, 1832. G. B. Baldwin, First Judge, Tioga County NY>