

Pension Application for Samuel Truesdell

S.42535

Original Claim

Declaration in order to be placed on the Pension list under the Act of the 18th March 1818.

Westchester County SS.

On this twenty fifth day of September 1826, personally appeared in open court being a court of record for the said County of Westchester Samuel Truesdell resident in said County aged sixty six years and five months who being first duly sworn according to Law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provisions made by the acts of congress of the 18th March 1818 and the 1st May 1820 that he the said Samuel Truesdell enlisted for the term of nine months on or about the first day of April 1780 in the State of New York in the company commanded by Captain Richard Sackett in the regiment commanded by Colonel Wisenfelts in the line of the State of New York on the Continental Establishment that he continued to serve in the said Corps until the expiration of the said nine months the terms for which he enlisted as aforesaid when he was discharged from the service in the Town of North Castle in the county aforesaid in the State of New York which discharge the deponent has lost.

And the deponent further saith that on or about the first day of April one thousand seven hundred and eighty one he again enlisted for the term of nine months in Dutchess County in the State of New York in the Company commanded by Captain William Williams in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Weisenfelts (his Christian name unknown to the deponent) in the line of the State of New York on the Continental establishment that he continued to serve in the said Corps until about the middle of the month of January in the year one thousand seven hundred and eighty two when the deponent was taken sick at Georgetown in the district of Columbia on the return of his corps from York Town in the State of Virginia when the deponent was left having served about six weeks more than the time for which he enlisted.

And the deponent saith that sometime in the month of May 1781 he received a Lieutenants commission in the Army; which he lost during his sickness at Georgetown aforesaid with all his other papers relating to his services in the Revolutionary War—

And the deponent further saith that after he received his commission—as aforesaid the company of Capt. Williams was detached from the Regiment commanded by the said Colonel Weisenfelt's and annexed to the Regiments commanded by Colonel Alexander Hamilton and was present and assisted at the Taking of the British Troops at York Town in Virginia aforesaid; on the return from which place he was taken sick as aforesaid.

That he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension except the present; that his name is not on the roll of any state except New York and that the following are the reasons for not making earlier application for a pension to wit.

That in the year 1817 he the deponent applied to Ebenezer Purdy Junior Esquire to make out his papers to apply for a pension; that in pursuance of such

application the said Purdy drew up his papers and presented them to Daniel Quick Esquire one of the Judges of the court of Common Pleas in and for the County of Westchester aforesaid which as the said Purdy informed the deponent was all that was necessary for him to do.

And the deponent saith that sometime after the said Purdy informed the deponent that he had received information from the Honorable Caleb Tompkins then member of Congress at Washington that his the deponents papers had never arrived at the office of the secretary of War. The said Purdy then advised the said deponent to make out another set of papers and renew his application and the deponent on the seventh day of April 1818 presented his papers again to the said Judge Daniel Quick who having prepared the same returned them to this deponent to see to the proper authority at Washington. And the deponent further saith that he delivered the last mentioned papers to Doctor Benjamin DeLavan a surgeon in the Army of the United States who promised this deponent to hand them to the office of the Secretary for the War Department at Washington to which city the said Delevan was going—and this deponent further saith that he heard nothing from his application for above a year—when he saw the said DeLevan and Enquired the fate of his application who informed the deponent that he had lost his papers before he arrived at Washington—and the deponent further saith that in 1823 he again made application before the Court of Common Pleas of Westchester County to be sent on to Washington the fate of which application the deponent does not know to this day.

And in pursuance of the act of the 1st May 1820 I do solemnly swear that I was a resident citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift sale or in any manner disposed of any property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions of an act of Congress entitled “An act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land & naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War” passed on the 18 day of March 1818 and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property or securities contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other that what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed. (Signed) Samuel Truesdell

Sworn to and declared on the 25th day of September 1826 before the Court of Common Pleas in & for the County of Westchester at the Court house at Bedford in said County. N. S. Bates Clk.

Letter in folder dated April 2, 1932, written in response to an inquiry.

Reference is made to your letter of recent date, requesting the record of Samuel Truesdell, a soldier of the Revolutionary War.

The data which follow are obtained from the papers on file in pension claim, S.42535, based upon the military service of Samuel Truesdell in the Revolutionary War.

Samuel Truesdell; while a resident of North Salem, Westchester County, New York, enlisted about April 1, 1780, in Westchester County, New York, and served nine months as a private in Captain Richard Sackett's company, Colonel Frederick

Weisenfels' New York regiment. He enlisted about April 1, 1781, in Dutchess County, New York, and served as private in captain William Williams' company, Colonel Weisenfels' New York regiment, was appointed lieutenant in May, 1781, transferred to Colonel Alexander Hamilton's New York regiment, was at the siege of Yorktown, length of this service, ten and one half months.

He was allowed pension on his application executed September 25, 1826, at which time he was a resident of Westchester County, New York, aged sixty-six years and five months.

In 1826, it was stated that he had residing with him a wife named Sibiel, aged sixty years, and an orphan grandchild named Adaline.

In 1859, a son, William H. Truesdell, was a resident of Pike County, Ohio; there are no further data in regard to him, and none to any other children.