

Pension Application for William Udell

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State of New York
Otsego County SS.

On this 4th day of February 1834 personally appeared in open court before the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in and for the County of Otsego and State of New York aged seventy five years on the nineteenth day of February instant, 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 7, 1832.

That on the first of June 1776 he enlisted into a company commanded by Capt Powers according to his best recollection in Col. Barralts Regiment, in which company there were two Lieutenants one by the name of Cook and the other by the name of Pettit.

That he enlisted into said company at Hartford in Rutland Vermont where he was stationed with the Troops under the command of Co. Barrett for about four months, from thence marched to Ticondaroga [Ticonderoga] on Lake Champlain, the principal part of the way through the wilderness and was stationed at Ticonderoga for sometime and how long he cannot recollect.

At this time saw Genl Arnold at Ticonderoga. After remaining at Ticondaroga for some time marched from that place back towards Rutland and the Troops under command of Col Barratt were engaged for a considerable time in cutting out and making a road between Rutland and Ticonderoga.

After being thus engaged for three or four weeks the troops marched to Rutland, where they were stationed and remained a short time and from thence marched to a place not far distant from what was then called No 4 on the Connecticut River. The name of the place not now recollected and was there discharged from the service, which was at the expiration of Six months from the time he entered the service as above stated.

And he also declares that he was in actual service under the above enlistment for the full period of six months in the Company and Regiment above stated.

The officers above named and under whom the said six months service was rendered were strangers to him until he went into the service under them—understood they were from the Easter states, and whether they were Continental officers or Militia officers he cannot state. After being discharged from the service he returned home to Hartford where the then resided with his father.

And he further declares that in the month of June 1777 he was drafted at Hartford Vermont into a company of Militia commanded by Capt Tracy and about the 20th of June marched from Hartford for Ticondaroga a distance of about one hundred miles, passed through Rutland and Hubbardton and arrived at Ticondaroga about the first of July, continued at Ticondaroga until the Fort was evacuated by the American Troops under the Command of Genl St. Clair. Retreated from Ticondarago back through Hubbardton and was pursued by the British when a skirmish took place between the American Troops under Col. Warner, and the British troops that were on

the pursuit [pursuit] recollects that Major Whitcomb and Captain Allen were with the troops at the time of the skirmish.

The American Troops continued the Retreat to Rutland, where he was dismissed from the service and he further declares that he was in actual service at this time for the period of three weeks.

That he cannot now recollect the names of the Col. Commanding the Regiment to which Capt. Tracys Company belonged during this three weeks service—after being being [sic] dismissed from the service at this time he returned home to Hartford.

And he further declares that the latter part of August or the first of September of the year 1777, he was again drafted into a company of Militia commanded by Capt. Hazen of the Town of Hartford Vermont, marched from Hartford to Manchester, from which place he marched with a body of Troops said at the time to be 1700 in number to Lake Champlain for the purpose as it was then alledged [alleged] of retaking Fort Ticondaroga. When the Troops arrived within bout one mile of the Fort a halt was made, and they lay upon their arms through the night. A part of the Troops crossed the lake to Mount Defiance, and drove the British from the place and took considerable property and returned back to the main body of the army.

The Troops continued about fort Ticondaroga for several days and finally had orders to march back without making any attack on the Fort which was then garrisoned by the British Troops and he further states that the troops marched back to a place called Pollate—and he was there dismissed from the service—and he further declares that he was in actual service at this time for four weeks—and he further states that he cannot recollect the names of the officers who were with the troops during this service, except he recollects that Col Lincoln or Genl Lincoln was the officer who gave orders for the Troops to march back before any attack was made on the Fort. That after being discharged from the service he returned home to his fathers in Hartford aforesaid.

That sometime between the year 1777 and 1780 his father moved from Hartford in Vermont to the Town of Stephentown then in the County of Albany in the State of New York now the county of Rensselaer. That in the summer of 1780 or 1781 – an alarm was given that Sir John Johnson with a great body of Indians and Tories under his command were then on the march towards Schenectady down the Mohawk River—and he further declares that he was then drafted at Stephentown aforesaid into a company of Militia commanded by Capt Turner and Lieutenant Moffat—that he marched immediately from Stephentown in said Company to Albany, where the Troops remained a day or two—and from thence marched to Schenectady where a halt was made—and where he was stationed with said Troops and continued there for little more than one week—at this time other Troops were stationed at Schenectady but he cannot recollect the names of the officers stationed with the troops at that place.

And he further declares that he was in the service at this time for two weeks, and was dismissed from the service at Schenectady and returned home to his fathers in Stephentown aforesaid.

And he further declares that the following are answers given by him to the several interrogatories prescribed by the War Department—viz.

1st That he was born in the Town of Fredericksboro (then called) in the County of Dutchess New York on the 19th day of February 1759.

2^d That he now has in his possession the Record of his age entered in his family Bible—which was taken by him from the Record kept by his father in his family Bible.

3^d That he was living at the Town of Hartford in the State of Vermont—and at Stephentown when he was called into the service as above stated. That since the Revolution he has resided in the Town of Westerlo and Rensselaerville, Albany County N.Y. for the period of forty eight years—That he removed from Westerlo in April 1832 to the Town of Maryland in the County of Otsego where he has since and now resides.

4. That the manner of being called into the service was as he has herein before stated. That he did not serve at any time as a substitute for any other person.

5. That the names of the officers who were with the Troops where he served, and the general circumstances of his service are above set forth as fully and particularly as he can now recollect or State the same.

6. That he never received a written discharge from the service as he now can recollect.

That he is known to Abraham H. Willse, Amos H. Brown Esqr, Claudius Willson and Joshua Lobdell of his present neighborhood, and who can testify to his character for veracity and their belief of his services as a soldier of the Revolution.

And he further declares that he has no documentary evidence and that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his services further than the testimony of Lionel Udell whose deposition is hereunto annexed.

Also that there is not any clergyman residing in his neighborhood or vicinity, wherefore he cannot obtain the testimony of a clergyman in compliance with the instructions from the war department, in that behalf made—and he further declares that he was not engaged in any civil employment whatever at the time while he was in the service as hereinbefore stated.

And that by reason of old age and the consequent loss of memory he cannot swear more positively to the precise period of his services, or more fully state the names of the officers with the troops where he served.

That he is positive and certain that he actual rendered all the services set forth in the above declaration and further saith not. (Signed) William Udell

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid. Horace Lathrop, Clerk