

Pension Application for Solomon Ward

W.27497 (Widow: Sarah) Solomon died December 9, 1832 and Sarah states they were married about 25 previous to his death.

State of New York

Cayuga County SS

On the 25th day of July 1832 personally appeared in open court before me J. S. Richardson Esqr, first Judge of the Court of Common Pleas in an for the county of Cayuga and State aforesaid.

Solomon Ward a resident of the town of Aurelius in the County of Cayuga and State of New York aged Seventy one years who being first 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; the inlisted [enlisted] and served under Co. Wysenvelt, the Lt Col names was Palding, Jaj'r Elias Benscouten & Capt. William Falkner commanded the company to which he belonged, and this deponent believes one Thomas Ostrander was the Lt. of said Company.

The time when this deponent inlisted he cannot now positively stated, but believes it was in the month of March in the year seventeen hundred and seventy nine; his enlistment was for nine months, and at the time of said inlistment he resided in the town of Charlott [Charlotte] in the County of Dutchess and State of New York.

That immediately uppon [upon] his inlistment he rendesvoued [rendezvoued] at Fishkill, and marched frohm thence to Esopus, and thence to Lacawack, where he remained with Capt. Falkner's Company until they were ordered to meet General Sullivan [Sullivan] at Aquaga—That in pursuance of said order he this deponent & Capt. Falkner's Company marched to a place called Tuscorora, and when they arrived there, they found that General Sullivan had left Aquaga ten of fifteen days previous—uppon which they returned to Lacawack and remained there until late in the fall, at which time they marched to Fishkill, and from thence to Stony Point and assisted to rebuild the fort at that place after it had been taken by General Wayne. And from thence this deponent and the company to which he belonged marched to Poughkeepsie, and was there discharged on the first day of January next after his inlsitment, and, according to the best of his recollection and belief, it was on the first day of January 1780—

That this deponent received his discharge, carried it home and agave it to ;his father which is the last he has ever sean [seen] or heard of it.

That he has no documentary evidence in his possession or at his control which can shew [show] his servis [service]. Neither does he know of a single individual now living who served in the same company or Regiment with him—and further that he will not be able to procure the testimony of but one individual, to wit, John Forbs whome [whom] he was acquainted, and who was present at the time he was involved.

That he this deponent was in the servis of his country during the Revolutionary War at two or three other different times for short periods four; or five weeks [weeks] each time.

That the last above mentioned servis was in pursuance of Classes into which the militia were organised [organized] for the purpose of frequent relief to those in the servis; and in consequence of the verry [very] short periods of each of the last mentioned times, he this deponent does not now recollect the names of any of the officers under which he then served.

He was born on the twelfth day of December in the year 1760 at the Nine Pardners [Partners] in Dutchess County has not now any record of his age it has been destroyed, has lived since the Revolutionary War the gratest [greatest] part of the time in Duches [Dutchess] County since his removal from Duches County which is now sixteen years, he has resided in the county of Cayuga & State of New York, and no resides in the town of Auorlius in the County & State aforesaid. The Reverend Medad Pomeroy and Doct Jonathan Whiteny will certify as to my character for truth and veracity and give their opinions of my services as a revolutionary soldier. (Signed) Solomon Ward.

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

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid. J. L. Richardson, first Judge of Cayuga