

## Pension Application for Stephen Wedge

S.35718

State of Connecticut

County & town of Litchfield SS

On this 8<sup>th</sup> day of June AD 1819 before me the Subscriber Judge of the Court of Probate for the District of Litchfield in the State of Connecticut, personally appeared, Stephen Wedge of Warren in said County of Litchfield aged Sixty years, who being by me first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the late 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, that he belonged to & served as a soldier in the American Army in t the War of the Revolution & on the Continental establishment.

That he enlisted into said Army for the term of one year in the latter part of December AD 1775 (1) at the Town of Warren aforesaid into a Company commanded by Capt Eleazer Curtis belonging to a Regiment commanded by Col. Van Schaick of the New York line, that he immediately marched to Albany in the State of New York where he joined the said Regiment commanded by said Col. Van Schaick. Capt Curtis being soon after appointed a Major in said Regiment the company aforesaid was commanded by Capt. Martin, that he served faithfully in said Company & Regiment in the service of the United States at Fort George, Ticonderoga, Crown Point, St. Johns & Saratoga until the 19<sup>th</sup> day of December 1776 when a few days before the expiration of his said term of enlistment being unwell & unfit for any further service he was regularly discharged from the service by Major Eleazer Curtis aforesaid as it appears by said original discharge hereto annexed. (2)

That he was not engaged in any regular battle.

That he is so reduced in his circumstances that he stands in need of assistance from his country for support; & that he has no other evidence now in his power of said services except what is hereto annexed.

Sworn & declared before me the day first above written. Frederick Wolcott, Judge of Probate District of Litchfield State of Connecticut.

End Notes—S.35718—Stephen Wedge

1. Eleazer Curtis was a captain in Colonel Goose VanSchaick's Continental Regiment which was raised to reinforce the American Army in Canada. Curtis was promoted to major on April 1, 1776. First Lieutenant Moses Martin of Curtis's Company was then promoted to captain. According to the muster roll dated December 17, 1776 at the Saratoga Barracks gives his enlistment date as June 1, 1776. Under remarks nothing is listed concerning his being ill or anything else. Captain Curtis served in 1775 as captain from May 1 to December 20 in Colonel Benjamin Hinman's Fourth Connecticut Continental Regiment. Stephen's name was not be found in this regiment. On Captain Curtis's and Martin's muster roll Capt Curtis gives his commission date as November 16, 1775. On page 56 of the Proceedings of the Provincial Congress on Die Lunae, P.M. February 12<sup>th</sup> 1776 states the following *"The Congress met pursuant to adjournment. A letter from General Schuyler dated the 6<sup>th</sup> Inst. Was read and filed and is in the words following, to wit: Albany 6<sup>th</sup> Febry 1776. Sir: The Continental Congress having ordered one Regt to be raised in this Province to go into Canada, I requested of that respectable body to know, if the Companies that I ordered to be raised for garrisoning Crown Point, Tyconderoga, Fort George, &c were to be considered as part of them; you will probably receive directions on this head, and that no delay may be made in the arrangement of the Officers to the Regt. I do myself the Honor; to inclose you the names of such as I gave recruiting orders to.—If Major Gansevoort should be provided for, or Colo Yates promoted and if Capt Curtis had the Majority given him, I believe it would tend to fill up the Regt with much*

*expedition, as he has great influence in the part of the Country, where he resides, which is about Canaan. I am, Sir, &c &c.*

The President of the New York Ph Schuyler  
Congress

A Return of the names of persons, to whom Inlisting Orders  
have been delivered by Major General Philipp Schuyler.

1775 Nov 16 To Capt Eleazer Curtis, an old  
Capt in Col Himmans Regt now  
with his company at Fort  
George.

Nov 16 To Capt Danl Mills

27 To Joseph McCracken

30 To Capt Elias Hasbrouck

30 To Capt Andrew Billings

1<sup>st</sup> Lieuts

Nov 27, 1775 Lieut Barnes

Nov 28 Lieut Martin

To Lieut Anthony Welp

1776 Jan 8 To Mr. Ebenezer Hill

1776 Jan 27 To Lieut Charles Graham

1775 2d Lieuts

Nov 24 To sergeant [blank] Cook

Dec 2 To Mr. VanVeghten

1776 Jan 5 To Mr. James Clark

To Mr. Wm Moulton

1776 Ensigns

Jan 8 To Mr. Luther Bissel

FROM: Documents Relating to the Colonial History of the State of New York, ed. Berthold Fernow, Vol. XV, State Archives, Vol I, Weed, Parsons and Company, Albany, N.Y. 1887.

On the Curtis and Martin muster roll Ebenezer Hill is listed as the first lieutenant, James Clark as the second lieutenant and Luther Bissell as the ensign. Bissell is listed as died on June 28, 1776.

According to this muster roll none of the enlisted men were enlisted before June 1, 1776. As Captain Curtis did have a company as early as February and most likely before then Stephen did serve but to what regiment if any is unknown.

2. The discharge was not in his pension application file.