

## **Pension Application for Daniel Wickham**

S.11798

State of New York

Albany County SS.

On this 4<sup>th</sup> day of October 1832, personally appeared before Joseph B. Moore a Judge of the County Courts of the County of Albany and State aforesaid Daniel Wickham a resident of the town of Coeymans in the County of Albany and State of New York aged 70 years and upwards, 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<sup>th</sup> 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated.

He entered the said service in the County of Dutchess in the now town of Stanford (as he believes) in the State of New York where he was born and where he then resided, as a volunteer, and joined Capt Roger Sutherlands company and Colo1782. Hopkins regiment in the month of April in the year 1778 for the term of Three months and was immediately marched to Fishkill, in the said Company and regiment, and from there went down the Hudsons river by water to West Point, and continued at West Point and was engaged in building forts and fortifications at that place; untill his three months expired, which was on the 12<sup>th</sup> of July 1778 at which time he received a written discharge and returned home to the county of Dutchess.

He again entered the said service at Stanford aforesaid having been classed, and he was hired to go for his class, for the term of Three Months. He joined the said Capt Sutherland's company and Colo Hopkins regiment about the last of August or first of September 1778 and was immediately marched to Fishkill, where he staid and kept guard a short time, and was then marched to Verplanks Point further down and on the east side of the Hudsons river, where he was stationed and was engaged in cutting wood for the regular army about two or three weeks, and was then marched back to Fishkill where he staid and kept guard untill his term of three months expired, and was discharged in writing at Fishkill on the first of December 1778 and then returned home.

He served as a private soldier during both of the above mentioned campaigns.

In the year 1780 in the month of March he removed from Dutchess County to the said town of Coeymans in the said County of Albany where he has resided ever since.

He again entered the said service at the said town of Coeymans and enlisted as a private soldier about the first of April in the year 1782 in Capt Joseph Harrison's Company in Colonel Willets regiment of New York State levies or troops for the term of nine months and was immediately marched in the said company to the now town of Middleburgh in the County of Schoharie and there joined the said regiment, and was stationed at the Middle Fort where he continued and kept guard untill he was discharged, which was on the 25<sup>th</sup> of December 1782. He was in actual service in an

embodied corps in the whole one year and three months for which he claims a pension.

He was in no battles, and the two written discharges which he received were both burnt and destroyed.

While he was stationed at West Point as he has above sated he frequently saw and knew Genl Putman. Genl McDougal and other officers and while he was at Fioshkill and Verplanks Point he knew a Major Hill who was a militia officer and Major Paine, there was two other militia regiments stationed at Fishkill besides the one he belonged to and they were all under the command of Genl James Clinton, He also saw Gov. George Clinton there. He also knew Colo Dubois & Col. Van Schaick and a number of other officers whose names he does not now recollect.<sup>6</sup> He remembers however Capt Hamtramck

He was born on the 21<sup>st</sup> day of July in the year 1762, and had a record of his age which was burnt up with his house about forty years ago.

There is no clergyman now living in his neighborhood or vicinity who knows or has heard any thing about his services in the revolutionary War that he knows of, except the Revd Reuben Stanton who is now verry [very] old and infirm and is wholly incapable of making a certificate and who is expected to live but a short time.

He is well known to Henry Niles Esqr, John Blodges, Archibald Stevens Esqr, John Witbick, Isaac Witbick, Thomas Witbeck, Jedediah Davis & Stephen Haines, who are not living in his neighbourhood and who can testify to his character for veracity and their belief of his services as a soldier of the revolution.

He resides about 20 miles from the city of Albany where the Court of Record for the said County of Albany are held, and that he is wholly unable to travel that distance to attend the Court by reason of bodily infirmity, that he has a disease called the leprosy which entirely disables him having affected his limbs and eyes and has nearly destroyed his eyesight.

He has no documentary evidence nor does he know of any person he can procure to testify to his service except Reuben Wickham who has made an affidavit hereto annexed, although he has made diligent enquiry for other witnesses.

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. That he is unable to write his name having never been taught to write. (Signed with his mark) Daniel Wickham

Sworn to and Subscribed the day and yea aforesaid before me. J. B. Moore  
Judge of Albany County Courts.

Letter in folder dated February 24, 1838, written in response to an inquiry.

Reference is made to your request for information relative to Daniel Wickham of Dutchess County, New York, who served in the Revolution War or the War of 1813.

The data which follow were obtained from papers on file in the pension claim, S.11798, based on the military service of the only Daniel Wickham that is found in the Revolutionary War records of this office.

Daniel Wickham was born July 21, 1762, in Stanford, Dutchess County, New York. The names of his parents are not shown.

While living in Stanford, New York, he enlisted in April, 1778 as private in Captain Roger Sutherland's company in Colonel Hopkin's New York regiment and was discharged July 12, 1778, having served three months. He enlisted in September, 1778, as private in Captain Roger Sutherland's company in Colonel Hopkin's New York Regiment and was discharged the first of December, 1778, having served three months. In March, 1780, he moved to Coeymans Albany County, New York, and he enlisted about the first of April, 1782, as private in Captain Harrison's company in Colonel Willett's New York regiment and was discharged December 25, 1782.

He was allowed pension on his application executed October 4, 1832, at which time he was living in Coeymans, New York.

In 1832, one Reuben Wickham was living in Coeymans, New York, and he stated he was "aged sixty-three years and upwards" but his relationship to the soldier was not given. There are no further data relative to Soldier's family.