

Pension Application for Samuel Wilson

W.9161 (Widow: Margaret)

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State of New York

City & County of New York SS

On the eleventh day of July in the year 1824 personally appeared in open Court before the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas of the City & County of New York the same being a Court of Record Samuel Wilson of the City and County of New York aged Seventy three years in October past 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 7th 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated, that in the spring of the year 1777 enlisted into the service in a Company of Militia commanded by Captain Stewart in the Regiment of Colonel Thomas as a Private in said Company then resided with his father at South Salem in the County of West Chester, that he was sent with said Company from South Salem aforesaid to White Plains in said County where he remained attached to the said Company for two months, his term of enlistment was for three months, but was much as he was at that time under the age of sixteen years. His father at the end of two months from the time he left home as aforesaid demanded that was not subject to be enlisted into service and Captain Stewart discharged the .

That early in the spring of the year 1778 the being attaché as a private to the company of Militia under the command of Captain James Teller in the Regiment of Colonel Samuel Drake was ordered into in the with the said Company and marched down from South Salem aforesaid to Pines Bridge in the said County of West Chester that he continued in actual duty therein in the field for two months when the Company was discharged and returned home to South Salem.

That in the Fall or Autumn of the same year the [?] year enlisted out as a private in the company last aforesaid and was sent down from [??] aforesaid to Pines Bridge aforesaid that he continued in actual duty with the same company in the field at Pine Bridge aforesaid for the term of two months where he was discharged and returned home.

That in the year 1779 he this still continued attached as a Private to Capt Tillis Company in the Regiment aforesaid and was called out with the said Company into actual service in the field at a place in the County of West Chester called Crum pond & at Peeks Kill in said County that he was with the American forces at Crum pond where the Brititsh troops made an attack upon them there. That this had the good fortune to escape when many of [?] companies in arms were killed or taken Prisoners, at the expiration of three months.

The time he was in actual service this year at Crum Pond and PeeksKill aforesaid he was regularly discharged and returned home.

Early in the spring of the year 1780 – was again ordered out with the said Company of Capt Tiller in the Regiment of Colonel Crane, as a Private and marched to

Pines Bridge in the County aforesaid that he remained there on actual duty as a Private as aforesaid for three months when he was discharged.

In the year 1781 was again ordered out as a private in the company of Capt Teller in the Regiment of Colonel Crane that he was in actual; service in this year for three months, that he performed one tour of duty this year at North Castle in said County for one month, one tour at Peekskill in said County for one month and a half, and one tour of duty for one half month at Pine Bridge making in the whole three months service during this year.

In the year 1782 this was again ordered out as a Private in Capt Tellers Company in the Regiment last aforesaid that in the month of June of this year he marched down with the said Company to White Plains in said County of West Chester in this tour he was in actual service for one month, that in the month of August he was again in service as a private as aforesaid in the Company aforesaid in the Regiment aforesaid for one week at Peekskill. And this further saith for the time in which all and during when the service herein before set forth and detailed was performed he was not employed in any civil pursuit that during all the time aforesaid he served in an embodied corps called into service by important authority; that all the service performed by him was performed in the field.

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 has no documentary evidence of his service and knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service except Henry Seaman whose Affidavit is hereunto annexed and to which he now refers. (Signed) Samuel Wilson

Sworn to & Subscribed this 11th day of May 1834 in open Court. Abm Asten, Clk

The following Interrogatories were propounded by the said Court to the said Samuel Wilson to which the following answers were given to wit.

1st When and in what year

Answer I was born in the Town of Rye County of West Chester and State of New York on the 16th day of October in the year 1761 was you born.

2^d Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

Answer. I have a Record of my age in my family Bible.

3rd Where were you living when called into session where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live.

Answer I was residing with my father's family in the year 1762 to town of South Salem in West Chester County where I resided when called into service I continued to reside in South Salem until several years after the close of the War of the Revolution & then removed to what is now called Somers in the said County where I continued to reside until the year 1824 when I removed to the City of New York where I now reside.

4th How were you called into service were you drafted did you volunteer or were you a substitute and if a substitute for whom?

Answer I was once drafted as set forth in my Declaration I was never a Substitute for any person but was always enlisted into service by my commanding officers.

5th State the name of some of the Regular officers who were with the troops where you served such Continental and Militia Regiments is you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service?

Answer There was no continental Regiments to my knowledge with the Troops where I served nor were there any Regular Officers with the said Troops. The Militia Regiments were then under the Command of Lieutenants Colonels Thaddeus Crane & Samuel Drake I can state no other general circumstances of any service other than those contained in my Declaration hereunto annexed.

6th Did you ever receive a discharge from the service & if so by whom was it given and what has become of it?

Answer I never did receive a written discharge from the service my discharge was always verbally given.

7th State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighbourhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief of your services as a soldier of the Revolution.

Answer I name the Reverend Joseph Smith a Clergyman of the Methodist Church in the City of New York and Micah Purdy of the same place both of whom are personally acquainted with me.