

Pension Application for Simeon Carly

R.1695

State of Pennsylvania

Beaver County SS.

On this twenty ninth day of August in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty four personally appeared in open court before the hon. John Budin president and his associate Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in and for the county of Beaver aforesaid and State aforesaid Simeon Carly resident of the said county and state aforesaid aged seventy four years on the 27th of June last 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 provisions made by the act of Congress passed 7th June 1832—

That he was born on the 17 June seventeen hundred and sixty in Old Hatfield near Connecticut river in the State of Massachusetts. That his age is recorded in the records of that town provided for the purpose of registering births—That the applicant has a copy in his bible taken from said record—

That the spring before he was five years old his father removed from Hatfield to Albany County State of New York – Where he resided with his father until the spring of 1776 before the Declaration of Independence when he enlisted under Captain John McKinster or McKinstry –Lieutenant Thomas McKinster – he cannot recollect the names of any of the other officers, for three years—marched through Albany Town, Saratoga [Saratoga] to fort Edwards—

That when Independence was declared he was in Albany – he marched from fort Edwards to Lake George—Where we scouted and watched the country from the Indians and Tories—Who were making frequent incursions in our country doing much damage to the citizens by murdering them taking them prisoners and destroying and carrying off their property;—they threatened Albany—we were 150 in number.

The said applicant while out on a scout (they scouted alternately) for two days, that whilst we were out (he cannot recollect the time) from the fort scouting) there came an express to the fort requiring the Captain to join another company for the purpose of meeting the British at a place called “the Cedars” —When said applicant returned he found his captain gone—and a few soldiers left in fort George to keep garrison—that he remained there and at Fort Ticonderoga and spying and scouting between the places and along the frontiers until the spring of 1777.

That my captain was wounded and taken prisoner at the “Cedars”, that he was under Genl Schuyler the whole of this year—and had to retreat before General Burgoyne (who had at this time invaded our country) from Ticonderoga to Ft George—from Ft George to Ft Edwards—from Fort Edwards to Millers fort from thence to Saratoga & from thence to Stillwater—staying at the above fort until compelled by Burgoyne to retreat until reaching Stillwater—where he things Genl Gates took command (there being complaints against Schuyler)—and when we had two severe battles with Burgoyne—and succeeded in driving him through his breast works before dark. That night he retreated and went back to Saratoga fording the river—when we took him and his army—We marched with the guard of the prisoners to a place he things by the name of Rutland—and was afterwards employed in scouting along the line of the frontiers until the summer of 1778 – being in the neighborhood of his father—he got permission to help him mow when he cut his leg in such a manner as to be unable to walk on it for 8 months—I got it-my discharge-from my Col. to wit McKinster—who was being then exchanged and promoted—

That during the time he was out he was engaged in no civil employment whatever—that he lost his discharge—that he returned to his father in Albany County—That he before harvest in the year 1779 volunteered under Captain Bigsby Peter Venace or Venass was Collonel [colonel]. Marched from the County of Albany—to the frontiers where he was employed in scouting and ranging for eight months after which I was discharged but it was not in writing, having served the 8 months—during this tour I was in several skirmishes with the enemy—

After I was discharged I returned to my father in Albany County and remained with him except when the enemy were coming upon us I would volunteer to meet them--During the time I was out in the town above mentioned I was engaged in no civil employment whatever—I remained with my father in Albany County for several years but cannot recollect precisely the number of years after which I removed to Lake George in Washington. Remained there near 8 years from where he removed to Washington County Pennsylvania where he remained one year and then removed to Beaver County of the same State where he has since resided.

That all his services were in an embodied corps belonging to the United States except for about three or four months before the declaration of Independence. That he served under the old Continental Congress. That he is unable from his old age and consequent loss of memory to give the particulars of his several campaigns more in detail—

That there is no clergyman residing in his immediate neighborhood, and that he could not obtain the certificate of one without much expence and inconvenience (which he is unable to bear or defray)—And that the said applicant doth hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, and he declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency in any state or territory [territory]—That he does not know of any person living either here or elsewhere who can testify to his services or state in detail his person knowledge of the applicant's service but he names [blank] Who reside in his present neighborhood as gentlemen who can testify to his character for veracity and their belief of his services as a soldier of the revolution. (Signed) Simeon Carly

Sworn and subscribed in open court the day and year aforesaid. James Logan Pothy [Prothonotary. Means first officer or clerk, one who has the power to affix the seal of the court Used mostly in Pennsylvania.]

Inter.1st Where and in what year were you born? Ans. I was born in the town of Hatfield on the 27 June 1760 in the State of Massachusetts but I cannot recollect the name of the county.

Inter. 2d. have you any record of your age? Ans. My age is recorded in Old Hatfield Massachusetts in the records for recording of births in that place and I have a copy of it in my bible.

3d Where were you living when called into service; where have you lived since and where do you now live? Ans. I was living when called into service in Albany County State of New York that I removed from there to Lake George—from there to Washington County Pennsylvania from where I removed to Beaver County in the same state where I have since resided.

4th How were you called into service, were you enlisted – drafted, volunteer or were you a substitute and if a substitute for whom? Ans. I enlisted in the spring of 1776 for three years—In the summer of 1779 I volunteered for and served 8 months – after which I several times volunteered for short terms.

5th State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops where you served; such Continental and Militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service. Ans. I was under Lieutenant McKinster Capt. McKinster and General Schuyler until Capt. McKinster was taken prisoner and Genl Schuyler removed removed [sic] from us afterwards I was under Genl Gates—I cannot recollect the names or number of any of the regiments that I was in—that I am very frail—my memory much impaired form hardships in early life and age.

6th Did you ever receive a discharge from the service and if so by whom was it given and what has become of it. Ans. I received a discharge in writing from Col. McKinster—who was my captain when I enlisted—but I lost it not long after at that time I thought it was of no account. I received a discharge but it was not in writing from Capt Bigsby—the other tours I was out I was discharged the other tours by my commanding officers.

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

Revolution? Ans. Genl Samuel Power and Eli Reed gentlemen residing in my neighborhood and who can testify as to my character for veracity and their belief of my services as a doleir of the revolution.