

**Pension Application for Reuben Farnham or Farnam**

S.43549

Continental, New York

State of New York

Onondaga County SS.

Reuben Farnam being duly sworn saith that in the month of December in the year seventeen hundred & seventy five—he enlisted as a private soldier for the term of one year from the first of January following in the company of Captain Norman Grosvenor in Colonel John Durkee's Regiment in the Connecticut line in the Continental Army & joined the army at Cambridge on some of the first days of January after—and served in the same Company & Regiment under the same Captain & Colonel to the end of his time of one year—

That he did the duty of a Corporal part of the time & for about ten months of the latter part of the time he did the duty of a Sergeant but does not recollect whether he had a warrant or not—

That he marched with the army to New York, was in the action on Long Island & the evacuation of New York & in the retreat thro New Jersey into Pennsylvania.

That just before the expiration of his term he was first with a file of man to convey some [?] men to the country & was absent to near the end of his time & to wit at the same time a furlow for the rest of his time which was five or six days only—under which he went home & had no other discharge. That he was actually in the Continental service under said enlistment for the term of one year lacking about ten days--& actually received pay a full year.

That he is now fifty eight years of age in the month of May last and resides in the Town of Marcellus in the County of Onondaga & from his reduced circumstances in life is in need of the assistance of his country for support & further saith not.  
(Signed) Reuben Farnam

Sworn to & subscribed before me this eleventh day of April 1818. Joshua Forman, First Judge of Onond. Comm Pleas.

Letter in folder dated September 28, 1931, written in response to an inquiry.

You are advised that it appears from the papers in the Revolutionary War pension claim, S.43549, that Reuben Farnam or Farnham was born in May 1749, place not stated.

He enlisted in January 1776 and served one year as private, corporal and sergeant in Captain Thomas Grosvenor's company, Colonel John Durkee's Connecticut regiment, and was in the battle of Long Island.

He was allowed pension on his application executed, April 11, 1818, at which time he was living in Marcellus, Onondaga County, New York.

In 1820 he referred to his wife as aged sixty-six years, her name is not given, and there are no further data as to his family.