

Pension Application for George Fowler

W.25587 (Widow: Betsey –First husband Odell. George who died in Salem July 16, 1853.) Married in Albany October 14, 1817 by Freeman Bishop, Methodist Clergyman.

Also served in War of 1812 (1812 to 1815.

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New York Privateer (Mass.) R. I.

State of New York

County of Washington SS.

On this 3d day of August in the year of our Lord 1832, personally appeared in open Court before the Hon. John Willard, Benjamin F. Skinner, and John Moss Judges of the Court of Common Pleas of the County of Washington and State of New York now sitting at a County Court in said County, George Fowler a resident of the Town of Salem in the County and State aforesaid aged seventy years, 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 he entered the service as a Volunteer in the month of July or August 1776 for the term of one month, at South Kingston in the State of Rhode Island into a company commanded by Capt. Kenyan, was mustered at north Kingston and marched to [?] or Boston Neck upon the Sea Shore and then stationed for said month and continued there for and during said June and at the expiration thereof returned to his residence in North Kingston.

In the month of October 1776, he again volunteered for a second month and was mustered at North Kingston and marched to said War on Boston Neck where he continued to serve during said month and at the expiration thereof he again returned to said North Kingston.

In the month of December 1776, he volunteered for the third time for another month, was again mustered at North Kingston and marched to said Boston Neck where he continued in said service during said month at a place called [Bessel's Mills?] upon the sea short at the expiration of which time he again returned to North Kingston aforesaid his place of residence.

In the month of February 1777, he again volunteered for the fourth time of one month and was again mustered at North Kingston and marched to said [Bos?] Neck where he continued for said month and again returned to North Kingston.

In the month of March and immediately on his return home he again volunteered for the fifth time for one month and was again mustered at North Kingston and marched to [?] upon the Sea Shore and continued there during said month and at the expiration thereof again returned to his residence at North Kingston.

The names of the several officers in the militia service and who were in the Service at the several times aforesaid were Capt. Kenyan, col. Charles Dyer, Adjutant Christopher Brown, Lieut Jeremiah Vaughn, Capt. John Mower, Sergeant Christopher Pearse and he things General Sullivan.

The particular service in which the militia were engaged at the aforesaid several times was principally in guarding the Sea Coast and preventing the British (whose fleet was lying off in front of the Towns) from landing and making incursions into the country and plundering and harassing the inhabitants of said Coast and towns.

He was engaged in no general battle but there frequently skirmishing between the militia [militia] and enemy along the Casts [Coasts?] the British then having full control of the waters and Island about the harbors.

In the month of April 1777, he again entered into a Company of volunteers for the term of one year at North Kingston aforesaid where the company was mustered under Capt. George W. Babcock and continued in service there for the term of his enlistment doing duly as a foresaid and at the end of said term he removed from said North Kingston into the town of Exeter in the said State of Rhode Island.

In the month of June 1778 he was drafted into Exeter aforesaid and mustered then into a company commanded by Lieut. [?] for the period one month and marched to South Kingston and then continued in service for said month and at the expiration thereof again returned to Exeter.

In the month of August 1778 he volunteered on board the American privateer, Marlbro, which vessel sailed from Boston in the state of Massachusetts on a cruise, the latter part of the month of August and on the 3d day after leaving harbor she fell in with a British Man of War, had a severe battle, the British vessel struck but before she could be boarded by the Americans, she made her escape and in consequence of her Superior speed the Marlbro was not able to overtake her. The Marlbro continued out upon her current course from this time until the elater part of the month of December following, when she returned into port, he continued on board said vessell [vessel] doing duty as a common hand during said cruise.

In the spring of the year 1779, he removed from Exeter into the town of Cambridge in the then County of Albany now county of Washington and state of New York and in the month of July was again drafted for one month and mustered at Fort Edward into company commanded by Capt. Joseph Wells and continued to serve at Fort Edward during said month, at the end of which he returned to Cambridge.

In the fall of the year 1780 he was again drafted at Cambridge aforesaid and mustered into a company commanded by Maj. McKillip and marched to Fort Edward and then continued during said month and doing duly as a soldier & at the end thereof return to Cambridge.

On several excursions on several alarms he was again called into service and continued out 3 X four days at each time as a common soldier in the said then County of Albany.

About the year 1802 he removed from Cambridge to Salem in said County where he has continued to reside to the present time.

1. He was born in South Kingston in the State of Rhode Island in the month of May 1761.
2. He has no record of his age or time of his birth.

3. At the several times when he was called into service he resided as herein before stated, that is to say at North Kingston, Exeter and Cambridge.
4. When he entered the service at the several times herein before stated he was sometimes drafted and sometimes he volunteered as is before particularly set forth.
5. The names of the regular officers doing duty in the militia at the aforesaid several times are herein before particularly given as far as his memory serves.
6. That he never had any discharge to his recollection in writing always having served out his term, if he had any they have been destroyed [destroyed] by time or accident.
7. The persons by whom his is known and who will testify to his character for veracity and their belief of his having been a soldier of the revolution and who lives in his immediate neighborhood are James Harvey, of Salem, merchant Abm. Austin of the same place [?] And the persons by whom he can prove actual service as a soldier in the revolution are Abel Fowler & Isaac Fowler of the Old Town of Cambridge whose affidavits are here with submitted. The aforesaid officers he things are all dead.

He has no documentary evidence now in his possession by which to establish the fact of his said service.

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 [any] agency of any state. (Signed) George Fowler

Sworn to and subscribed in open court this 30th day of August 1832.

J. S. Leigh Clk.