

### **Pension Application for Varsell Fuller**

W.15769 (Widow: Mary) Married June 1776. Varsell died at Fort Edward, Washington County, August 27, 1834.

State of New York

County of Warren; SS.

On this eighteenth day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty two personally appeared in open court before the Court of Common Pleas now sitting Varsell Fuller a resident of the town of Queensbury in the County of Warren and State of New York aged seventy seven years who being first duly sworn according to law doth make oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June 7, 1832.

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

That in the year one thousand seven hundred and seventy six in the fore part of July he enlisted at Saratoga in the State of New York into a company commanded by Captain Collen does not recollect his given name and does not know to what Regiment he belonged. He went from Saratoga in the company in which he enlisted to Lake George staid there a few days and then returned to Saratoga with a part of the said company commanded by Lieutenant Hezekiah Dunham and was there employed building barracks, Captain Collins with a part of the company remained at Lake George, and he was [?] again attached to his command during the next term of service, which was five months. That at the time he enlisted he resided in the Town of New Concord then in Albany County in the State of New York.

In the month of August in the year one thousand seven hundred and seventy seven, he entered the service in a company commanded by Captain John Smith at New Concord in the then country of Albany in the State of New York, that soon after he marched with the company to VanSchaick's Island in the Hudson River, near where the Mohawk River enters the Hudson from thence he marched to Beamus Heights Saratoga County, was there during the engagements with Burgoyne—was stationed and manned the lower Breast work, next to the River. He was not engaged during the action.

After Burgoyne retreated the Brigade to which he was attached file off to the west and came to the cove at Colonel VanVechtens in the rear of the enemy, to cut off their retreat, when we came to the River we found no enemy – we then returned to the main body, we [??] out we came, and got back in the night. The next day Burgoyne retreated, and we remained Stationary until the day following when we marched to Fish Creek and remained there until Burgoyne surrendered. Then we marched to Albany, remained there a few days, and then went to Hurley, a small village back of Sopus [Esopus?] and from there to New Windsor, where he received a discharge. Served at this time three months, resided at this time of enlisting in said town of New Concord.

The company he belonged to in this campaign belonged to Colonel Waterman's Regiment of which [Apelstyne?] was Major, he does not recollect his given name,

George Darrow was adjutant, and to the Brigade of which General Glover (whose given name he does not recollect was commanding. During this service I served as Orderly Sergeant and entered the company as such, the Lieutenant of the company were Cleveland and Petty, he does not recollect either of their given names, both of there [their] Lieutenants left the company before the first engagement with Burgoyne and between the first and second engagements, the captain left the army and returned home, and I had the command of the company from that time until he was discharged at New Windsor. During this campaign saw General Gates, Genl Arnold, Genl Glover. He saw Genl Schuyler at Saratoga the first time, when the British marched out to lay out their arms, served this time three months at the time he enlisted he lived in the town of New Concord aforesaid.

In the spring of the year one thousand seven hundred and seventy nine, he thinks in the month of May but is not certain, he enlisted into a company of Rangers commanded by Captain John Smith as orderly sergeant, lived at the time of enlisting this time, at New Concord in the then County of Albany in the said State of New York. He ranged with the company between Albany and Livingston Manor, was at Kinderhook, New Concord, Claverack, Nobletown, Spencertown and all along the River in the pursuit of Tories and Robbers. The head quartermaster during this time was at Kinderhook, were commanded in the Regiment by Colonel Humphrey, whose given name eh does not recollect, then living at Kinderhook, Major Howe was out with us some part of this time. He served this time six months.

In the year one thousand seven hundred and eighty one, either the last of April or first of May, he hungered the service as an orderly sergeant in the company commanded by Captain [Holtam?] Durham and Lieutenant Benoi Grant which was stationed at Saratoga during the summer, the Captain and Lieutenant were arrested for holding intercourse with the enemy and sent to New York. The company was then commanded by Captain Funda [Fonda] and a Lieutenant Ford, whose given name he does not recollect.

During this term, Genl Starks had command of the troops. He staid there but a short time after his arrival and then Colonel John McKinster [McKinstry?] commanded. He remained at Saratoga until his term of service expired, and was then discharged. He served this time nine months. At the time he was stationed at Saratoga, there were three companys stationed there, Captain Dunham's Captain Grey's company of nine month men, and Captain Job Wright's company of three year men, at the time he entered this time, he resided at the town of Saratoga in the County of Saratoga and State of New York.

In the year one thousand seven hundred and seventy seven, before he enlisted into the three months service he served in alarms several times. He then lived in New Concord in the then county of Albany, State of New York.

One time was mustered with the whole Regiment and came to Fort Edward, and there was detached as a guard to guard the teams sent after boards northeast from Fort Edward to a sawmill. The rest of the Regiment went to Lake George or near there. How long he was out this time I do not recollect but came from home to Fort Edward

about eighty miles, and remained there a few days, and then he was dismissed and returned home.

Hence in alarms he came up to Fort Edward both times, and one of those times he went to Lake George and staid there two days, and then returned home; the two first times he came up in a company commanded by Philip Frisby the regiment was commanded by Colonel Whiting.

He does not now recollect the names of any other officers than those he has named. That he has no documentary evidence but thinks he can procure a person who can testify to a part of his services before mentioned.

In answer to the Interrogatories required to be put by the court pursuant to the directions of the War Department he now says.—

He was born in a place called Oblong in Dutchess County in the State of New York in the year 1755 and is seven seven [sic] years old the [2<sup>nd</sup>] day of Last February.

He has no record of his age, there was one in a bible belonging to his father does not know what became of it, the last he saw of it was about 50 years ago.

When first called into service lived at a place called New Concord in the then county of Albany in the State of New York and lived there until about the last time he entered the service which was from the Town of Saratoga in the County of Saratoga and State of New York, lived since the Revolutionary War in the Town of Saratoga in the Town of Fort Miller in the County of Washington in the State of New York, and in the Town of Queensbury, in the County of Warren in the same State lived since in the said town of Queensbury where he has lived the greater part of ten years.

The first time he was called into service he volunteered, the second time he was drafted, the third time he volunteered. The fourth time he was drafted, and when called out on account of alarm he was a volunteer.

He cannot state the names of any regular officers nor can he recollect any other Continental or Militia Regiments than those before stated nor any other circumstances of his service than before stated.

He never had a discharge but was always dismissed merely from the service at the end of each term.

That Allen Andrews a clergyman residing in the town of Queensbury in said County. Hiram Barber Esquire one of the Judges of the County Courts of the County of Warren and Bartholomew Griffen Esq. a Justice of the Peace in said town of Queensbury in said County and have known him and have resided in this neighbourhood for many years who can testify as to his character for veracity and their belief of his services as a soldier of the Revolution.

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. (Signed) Vas S. Fuller

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid before me. Thomas Archibald Clerk