

Pension Application for William Gifford

S.41580

State of New York

Washington County SS.

William Gifford of the Town of Queensbury in the County of Warren and State of New York being duly sworn on his oath saith that sometime in the Month of February in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and seventy six at the Town of Cambridge in the then County of Albany and State of New York aforesaid he enlisted into the Army of the United States to serve against the Common Enemy as a private for one year under Captain Benjamin Hix of the first New York Regiment Commanded by Colonel Goosen VanSchaick.

That he served in that company and regiment according to the Terms of his Enlistment from the date thereof until the first day of January one thousand seven hundred when he and a part of his company were discharged at Johnstown in the State of New York aforesaid having served Ten Months and the years service for which his [?] was raised having been then completed—

That during said Term of Service he was stationed at Fort George and at Albany and then we marched to Johnstown where he was discharged as aforesaid.

That in the same January in which he was discharged as aforesaid at Johnstown he again enlisted into the Army of the United States to serve as a private against the Common Enemy for three years under Captain Cornelius J. Johnson of the third New York Regiment Commanded by Colonel Peter Gansevort. That he performed that term of service also in the same company and Regiment for the Period for which he enlisted, until the first of April one thousand seven hundred and eighty when he was discharged at Saratoga in the State of New York aforesaid—

That during the said last Term of Service he was engaged in the Battle of Fort Stanwix, and in several engagements under General Sullivan in his Campaign against the Indians.—

That his discharge aforesaid he has lost and has no other evidence in his power to procure (except the Testimony of John Price who served the first ten months in the same company in which he first enlisted of his service and discharge aforesaid. That he is now and since his said service has been a Resident Citizen of the United States and now lives in the Town of Queensbury aforesaid. That he is now sixty years of age is very poor and by reason of his reduced circumstances in life needs the assistance of his country for support. (Signed) William Gifford

Sworn this 11th day of May 1818 before me. Henry C. Martindale, one of the Judges of the Washington Common Pleas.

Letter in folder dated January 25, 1930, written in response to an inquiry.

I advise you from the papers in the Revolutionary War pension claim, S.41580, it appears that William Gifford enlisted at Cambridge, then Albany County, New York, sometime in February 1776, and served ten months as a private in Captain Benjamin Hicks' Company, Colonel Goose VanSchaick's New York Regiment.

He enlisted in January 1777, served as a private in Captain Cornelius I. Jansen's Company , Colonel Peter Gansevoort's New York Regiment, was at the siege and battle of Fort Stanwix and in General Sullivan's Indian Expedition and was discharged April 1, 1780.

He was allowed pension on his application executed May 11, 1818, at which time he was a resident of Queensbury, Warrant County, New York.

In 1820, he stated that he was sixty-two years of age and that his wife, her name not shown, was sixty years of age and his daughter, Elizabeth, fifteen years of age.

About 1830 , he moved to Erie county, Pennsylvania, to be near his children, the most of whom, he stated, lived in that state, their names are not given.