

### **Pension Application for Jedediah Graves**

W.23147 (Widow: Polly) Married 1790, Jedediah died in 1839.

State of New York

County of Monroe SS.

On the 11<sup>th</sup> day of June in the year one thousand eight hundred thirty four, personally appeared in open court before the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in and for the County aforesaid being a Court of Record now sitting Jedediah Graves a resident of the town of Penfield in the County of Monroe and State of New York aged seventy nine 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 7, 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 an enlisted soldier on the first day of April 1775 in the Company Commanded by Captain Joele Pratt first Lieutenant Benjamin Chittenden & Ensign Daniel Lee, that he served two months under this enlistment and then joined Colonel Yates' Regiment being the second Regiment of the State Troops of New York for the period of nine months, on the first day of June 1775 that he served out the full period of nine months that he was detained after the expiration of the nine months for a term according to his best recollection and belief of two months that he was then discharged & returned home about the first day of May 1776.

That he was a volunteer that he was in the battle at St. Johns and at Montreal, that when he enlisted he resided in Hillsdale in the County of Columbia & State of New York that after he enlisted he marched with his company from Hillsdale aforesaid to Albany from thence to Lake George and while remaining at Lake George and before he joined his regiment he with several other members of his company volunteered and marched under Colonel Ethan Allen to Lake Ticonderoga & was at the taking of Ticonderoga after which went [sic] he joined his company again at Lake George that he then joined Colonel Yates' Regiment as before stated (and the service at Lake George and Ticonderoga up to the time of joining the regiment as aforesaid was under the two months enlistment as aforesaid) & remained at Lake George for some three months when General Montgomery sent an order to Colonel Yates to send two men from each company in his Regiment to him at St. Johns, that he was one of the number selected & marched to St. Johns & was stationed there under the command of General Montgomery until the residue of Colonel Yates' Regiment joined them at St. Johns after joining his Regiment he with his Regiment was stationed at St. Johns until after the battle of Quebec & then he with his Regiment marched back in rear of the broken Army to Sandy Hill near Lake George and at Lake George his Regiment was under the command of General Schuyler from sandy Hill he marched to Bemis' Heads & was there discharged and returned home having served at this time in the whole from the time he first enlisted one year and one month.

That eh again entered the service as an enlisted soldier in the month of September in the year 1777 in the company commanded by Captain Catlin & Colonel

Woodbridges Regiment & General Lincoln's Division and served three months that he left the service at this time in the month of December that he resided at Hillsdale aforesaid when he enlisted that he was a volunteer. That he marched from Granville where he enlisted to Bennington, in the State of Vermont from thence to Wood creek and from thence to Bemis' Heads and remained there until the taking of Burgoyne that he was in the battle of Burgoyne that after the battle he with his company & Regiment marched to Albany and from thence to within fourteen miles of New York where he was stationed & remained until he was discharged & returned home.

That in the month of May 1778 he enlisted as a minute man in the company under the command of Captain Jonah Graves & Colonel Peter VanNess. That he served as such minute man until the close of the war, that he was repeatedly called out on duty that he served at Cherry Valley two months under the command of Captain David McKinstry & one month in the County of Schoharrie [Schoharie] under the command of George Webster & one month in the company under the command of William Tanner at Palatine where there was a battle with the Indians.

That he was called on alarms frequently during the period from 1778 to the close of the war. That he spent considerable of his time in the service as such minute man that he believes he served more than one year in the whole as such minute man that he served as s Sergeant during the whole time he served as a minute man, that he received from his proper officers three warrants of Sergeant at different times that one of his warrants received from captain George Webster is hereto annexed & sent and the other ones were accidentally destroyed by washing they being at the time of washing his clothes in his pocket.

That owing to old age & consequent loss of memory he could not state positively the day of the month he entered service in some of his service. Was in the service detached under the third period the time he performed services as a minute man but according to his best recollections he served in his whole service in the Revolutionary War as above set forth under the several periods two years and three months but that he claims a pension for two years.

That he has no documentary evidence and that he knows of only one person whose testimony he can procure & who can testify to his service and his affidavit is hereto annexed & sent.

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.

That he answers to the several Interrogatories propounded by the Court as follows.

1. That he was born in the year 1755 in the town of East [Haddam?] in the State of Connecticut.
2. That he has a record of his age & it is now in his possession.
3. That he lived when called into service at Hillsdale in the County of Columbia & State aforesaid, has lived since the Revolutionary War at Fairfield in the County of Herkimer & now lives in Penfield in the County of Monroe and state aforesaid.

4. Volunteered.

5. Does not recollect any officers other than those mentioned above excepting Colonel McKinstry.

6. That he received a written discharge signed by Washington but that it was destroyed the same as the two warrants above mentioned by washing.

7. The names of persons in his neighborhood who can testify to his character for truth and veracity and their belief of his services as a soldier of the revolution are Stephen S. Graves Bradley Crippen, James Spears, Asa Sloan, Henry Paddock.  
(Signed) Jedidah Graves.

Sworn and subscribed the day and year aforesaid. J. Cutler Dep. Clerk