

Pension Application for Samuel Gregory

R.4298

State of Michigan

County of Oakland

On this tenth day of December, one thousand eight hundred and forty four personally appeared in open court, before the Circuit Court for the County of Oakland, now sitting Samuel Gregory of the town of Milford in said county and state aged eighty four years and eight months who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath, much 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 volunteered to enter into the company commanded by Captain Nathaniel Scribner in the regiment commanded by Colonel Henry Luddington or Luddinton in the month of May one thousand seven hundred and seventy six the day of the month the applicant does not remember—it was soon after the British took the City of New York, after the evacuation of Boston, applicant was then sixteen years—of age, and resided in Frederickstown, County of Dutchess [Dutchess] state of New York, and enlisted in the said place of Frederickstown, in a regiment belonging to the state of New York. That he continued in the said service until after peace was proclaimed in the year one thousand seven hundred and eighty three, under the same officers, does not recollect the Brigade officers commanding in his vicinity applicant was discharged at the said place of Frederickstown—did not have a written discharge.

And applicant further desposes that he engaged in several skirmishes with the marauding parties of the British while making their foraging incursions—but was never in a regular engagement, --that these skirmishes were in the South part of Dutchess County and in West-Chester County, in the state of New York. Applicant does not recollect the name of any of the companies or regiments with which he was in company, except the one to which he belonged throughout the war.

And this applicant further states that he knew General Israel Putnam, and also Brig. Genl Parsons of the Connecticut Militia, and Col. Meigs and Willis of Parsons Brigade. That at the time of the Battle of Saratoga he was with his company of Militia in the South part of Dutchess County, State of New York, assisting in protecting that section of Country --from being ravaged by the predatory parties of the British, then in possession of the City of New York.

That to the best of this deponent recollection, Fort Montgomery, situated above five miles below West Point in the State of New York, was taken by the British, a short time previous to the battle of Saratoga—said fort, according to applicant's best recollection, was commanded by George Clinton, who was subsequently Governor of the State of New York. Genl James Clinton, his brother, was wounded in the engagement, applicant has seen James Clinton. At the time of taking fort Montgomery applicant was about eighteen mile distant.

And this applicant further states that he was born on the eighty day of April one thousand seven hundred and sixty, at Frederickstown in the County of Dutchess, state of New York, but has no record of his age, that at the time of entering the service, he lived in the said place of Frederickstown, and since that time has lived in the following places, that in the third year after the war he removed to the town of Colchester in the county of Delaware, state of New York, where lived nineteen years, thence he removed to the town of Goran in the County of Ontario, State of New York, where he lived till 1812—thence he removed to the town of Parma, County of Monroe, State of New York, where he lived till 1840 when he removed to the town of Highland, County of Oakland State of Michigan, where he lived till the month of May 1844—when he removed to the township of Commerce ins aid county—where he lived about four months, when he removed to the village of Milford in said County where he now resides, in the neighborhood in which he resides he is acquainted with the Reverend Thomas Baker, who has known him about twelve years, also with the Reverend Joseph Atwood, who has known him about ___ years with Daniel M. Lockwood, Major F. Lockwood, [Benjamin?] Lockwood, Martin J. Lockwood, Deacon Elijah Dunham, Deacon Daniel Dunham, all of whom have known him for eighteen or twenty two years—and can testify to his character for truth and veracity, and their belief of his service as a soldier of the revolution.

He also state that he knows of no person by whom he can from the fact of the services rendered, except Cyprian Parsons, a resident of Genesee County Michigan a revolutionary soldier and pensioner and who was in; the same company with him and through indigence on applicants part, and old age and description on Parsons part he is unable to procure his attendance in court.

And the said applicant also hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to any pension or annuity except the present, and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state.

He also states that he was not employed in any [?] office whatever during the term he was employed a soldier in the revolutionary war.

Sworn to and subscribed in open court the day and year aforesaid.

And this applicant further deposes that in his pecuniary matters he has been in good circumstances until about one year next last past, that then, on account of Placing too much confidence in an acquaintance of his he lost nearly all of the property he had accumulated to support him in his old age, and that in consequence of that misfortune, he is thrown upon the charity of his friends. (Signed with his mark) Samuel Gregory

Sworn and subscribed in open court this 10th day of December 1844. Joseph R. Bowman, Clerk of the Circuit Court for the County of Oakland Michigan.

Letter in file dated September 27, 1937, written in response to an inquiry.

Reference is made to your letter in which you request information in regard to Samuel Gregory of Dutchess County, New York, soldier of the War of the Revolution.

The data furnished herein were obtained from papers on file in pension claim R.4298, based upon the service of Samuel Gregory in the Revolutionary War.

Samuel Gregory was born April 8, 1760 in Frederickstown, Dutchess County, New York. The names of his parents were not given.

He applied for pension December 10, 1844, then a resident of Milford, Oakland County, Michigan, and stated that while a resident of Frederickstown, New York, he volunteered sometime in May 1776 and served at various times as a private in Captains Nathaniel Schribner's and Daniel Waterbury's companies, Colonels Henry Ludington's and Field's New York regiments, was in several skirmishes, and continued in the service until in 1783.

His claim was not allowed as he did not establish proof of six months' service, as required by the pension law.

After the Revolution, Samuel Gregory lived in Colchester, Delaware, New York, about nineteen years, then moved to Gorham, Ontario County, New York remained until 1812, thence to Palmer, New York, lived there until 1840, thence to Highland, Oakland County, Michigan, and in May 1844 moved to Commerce Township, Michigan, and in about four months moved to Milford, Oakland County, Michigan.

There are no data in this claim relative to the family of Samuel Gregory, and the date and place of his death were not shown.