

Pension Application for Amos Odell

S.23343

State of New York

County of Putnam SS

On the tenth day of Sep'r 1833, personally appeared before the Court of Common Pleas of Putnam County, Amos Odell a resident of the town of Phillipstown in the county of Putnam & state of New York being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

That in the spring of the year 1776, he was drafted out of the company of Capt George Lane, who commanded the company in whose beat this declarant resided in Phillipstown now in Putnam County but then in Dutchess County in the state of New York.

The declarant with other who were drafted or otherwise raised formed a company who were under the command of Capt. Eli Townsend & were soon after the declarant was drafted, stationed at a place called the Red Mills, then in Dutchess County but now in the town of Carmel in Putnam County to guard the public stores & preserved the peace & quiet of the country from the conduct of Tories and cowboys.

The period for which the declarant was drafted was three months & the whole of the three months was faithfully directed to the military service of the Country at the Red Mills. Nathaniel Jagger was the Lieutenant under Capt Townsend whilst declarant was in the service as aforesaid. The declarant is not aware that this company whilst engaged as aforesaid was attached to any regiment Col. Ludington, who was the command officer of the regiment of Militia in which declarant was enrolled was once or twice at the Red Mills whilst Declarant was there.

That directly after the expiration of the three month served above mentioned, the declarant went as a substitute for Henry Carman for three months, on the lines in Westchester County in a company commanded by [blank] Lockwood the name of the Lieutenant was [blank] Sacket, the company was attached to the regiment of militia commanded by Col John Hyatt, this service was rendered in the County of Westchester near White Plains, the whole of the then months were devoted to the military service of the country in his performance of such duties as were required of the declarant.

That in the winter of 1777 as this declarant believes, and in the month of January, the whole of the country was alarmed & all the militia in the county were ordered out that this declarant went in this alarm under the command of Capt Moses Dusenbury. The Ensign was John Dusenbury a brother of the captain, the lieutenant's name not recollected, during this alarm the declarant went into the lower part of Westchester county & was absent in the service more than a month, during the service the legs & feet of the declarant were much frozen, occasioned by exposure in severe weather & they have never been well since, always attended with pain & much of the time a running sore.

That in the spring of the year 1777 the declarant enlisted for during the war into a company commanded by a man called Captain Obediah Bridges, the lieutenant was Robert Connelly, after the enlistment the declarant went to Fishkill & reported himself to the said Capt. Bridges & the declarant & others were then ordered to cut wood & burn it into coal [perhaps charcoal] for the use of the army. That declarant in pursuance of such directions went into that business & continued thus engaged for one year & nine months, and during that time received his clothes and rations in the same manner as soldiers who were employed in other duties.

Whilst engaged in the service the declarant knew Col. Swartwout, Col. Ludington, Capt. Townsend, Col. Hyatt, Capt Lockwood.

The deponent hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present * declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency of any state.

And this deponent further says that during the revolutionary war he lived in what is now called Phillipstown in Putnam County & has ever since the revolution resided in the same town & yet resides there.

This declarant further says that he does not know any other persons who can testify to his services which are specified in the preceding declaration other then those persons whose depositions are hereto annexed.

The declarant was born in Westchester County in the State of New York at a place called [?]. This manner or Cortlands manner, but at a very early age he with his father removed to Philipstown. That his first Service was as a drafted soldier, the second was voluntary. [?] when in the alarms was as he understood compulsory the service under Capt Bridges was in pursuance of a voluntary enlistment.

The declarant recollects, Col. Ludington, Col. Hyatt, Col. Hammond, Col. Sartwout, General Putnam.

The declarant has no record of his age, he never received a written discharge from the service he never received a commission.

The declarant is known to Nathaniel Cole, the sheriff of the County of Putnam and Daniel D. Tompkins a clergy man, how resides in his neighborhood & who he believes can testify to his character for veracity & good behavior & their belief in his services as a soldier of the revolution. (Signed with his mark) Amos Odell

Sworn & subscribed in open court this 10th day of September AD 1833, J. Morehouse Clk

Letter in folder dated March 2, 1934, written in response to an inquiry.

Reference is made to your letter in which you request the Revolutionary War record of Amos Odell, a pensioner of New York.

The record of Amos Odell is given below as show in the papers on file in his claim for pension, S.23343, based upon his service in that war.

Amos Odell was born in the month of February 1756, in the Manor or Cortland, Westchester county, New York, and moved at a very early age with his father to Philipstown, Dutchess County, that state: the names of his parents are not shown.

While a resident of Philipstown, New York, in the spring of 1776, at which time he belonged to Captain George Lane's company of "That beat", he enlisted and served three months in Captain Elijah Townsend's company, Colonel Luddington's New York regiment, at Red Mills; immediately after this, he enlisted and served three months as private in Captain Lockwood's Company, Colonel John Hyatt's New York regiment, engaged near white Plains; in the winter of 1777, he served one month in Captain Moses Dusenbury's N. York Company. From in the spring of 1777, he served over a period of more than a year in Captain Obediah Bridge's New York Company, engaged in preparing fuel for the troops.

He was allowed pension on his application executed September 10, 1833, at which time he resided in Philipstown, Putnam County (formerly Dutchess County), New York. It is not stated that he was married.

In 1833, Isaac Odell, soldier's brother, resided in Philipstown, New York; he stated that he was born August 15, 1759, and that he served in the same company with his brother, Amos Odell, in the Revolutionary War.