

**Pension Application for James Purdy or Purdey**

S.43874

State of New York

& County of Oneida SS

James Purdy of the Town of lee in the County & State aforesaid on the second day of April 1818 came before me Joshua Hathaway one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in & for said County and being duly sworn did declare & say that he entered in the service of the United States as a private in the year 1777 and served under Capt. Richard Sacket in the Regiment then commanded by Colo Luddington for the term of three months, at the White Plains & that in January 1778 he enlisted into the year service, and served in Colo Luddington's Regt until the August following at said White Plains when he on the 6<sup>th</sup> day of August 1778 enlisted as a Matross into Capt. Moody's Company in the 2<sup>nd</sup> or New York Artillery Regiment commanded by Colo John Lamb, for the term of during the (then) war, & that he served faithfully until the close of the war when he received his Discharge signed by Gen. Washington on the ninth day of June 1783 of which the annexed is a true copy, the original of which (after it was registered by James Bradford, Adjutant) was delivered to Chas Numan who purchased the land to which he as a private was entitled—he further saith that an acknowledgment or rather a memorandum that it was a true copy was then made by Eben's Lockwood one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in and for the County of Westchester, which copy with the acknowledgment is hereunto annexed & the deponent further maketh oath that the same I s a true copy of the Original signed as afores'd by Gen. Washington,—and that he is & has been ever since he received his said Discharge, a resident citizen of the United States, that he is in reduced Circumstances, that he is not the owner of any Real Estate & a very trifle of personal property. (Signed) James Purdy

Sworn to & Subscribed this 2d day of April AD 1818 before me J. Hatheway.

Letter in folder dated October 1, 1936, written in response to an inquiry.

Reference is made to your letter in which you request the Revolutionary War record of James Purdy, born March 6, 1760, in Barre, Vermont, also, the War of 1812 record of Oliver Purdy, who was born 1785 and served from New York.

There is no claim for pension on file upon service in the War of 1812 of an Oliver Purdy, under any spelling of the name. Such a claim is the source of data furnished by this office in regard to soldiers of the War of 1812.

You are furnished herein the record of James Purdy, the only soldier of that name found in the Revolutionary War records of this office. The data therein were obtained from the papers on file in claim for pension, S.43874, based upon his service in the Revolution.

The date and place of birth and names of the parents of James Purdy are not shown.

James Purdy or Purdey enlisted in 1777, place not stated, served three months as private in Captain Richard Sackett's company, Colonel Luddington's New York

regiment, and was in a battle below White Plains. He enlisted in January, 1778, served as private until August 1778, in Colonel Luddington's New York regiment, and on August 6, 1778, enlisted as matross in Captain Moodie's Company, Colonel John Lamb's 2<sup>nd</sup> Regiment of Artillery, was in the battles of Tarrytown and Johnstown and was wounded in both battles. He was discharged June 9, 1783, by General George Washington, and honored with a badge of merit for three years' faithful service.

In 1805, the soldier was residing in Western, Oneida County, New York.

James Purdy was allowed pension on his application executed April 2, 1818, while a resident of Lee, Oneida County, New York.

In 1820, the soldier was aged sixty years, living in Lee, New York, and stated that the following constituted his family: an aged wife, name and age not given; daughter Rachel, aged fifteen years, and son, Sylvanus, aged eleven years. There are no further family data on file.

In 1822, the soldier was living in Rome, Oneida County, New York. He died March 8, 1835.