

## **Pension Application for Puryer Reeves**

S.28852

Declaration. In order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress of the 7<sup>th</sup> of June 1832.

State of New York

County of Cayuga SS.

On this 19<sup>th</sup> day of July 1832, before the subscriber one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in & for the said county personally appeared Puryer Reeves aged seventy eight 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 provision made by the act of Congress, passed June 7, 1832.

That he enlisted into the Army of the United States in the year 1775, under the following named officers and served as herein stated viz. He enlisted at Southold, Suffolk County, N.Y. In the spring of said year does not recollect the month—for the term of three years as a volunteer—under Capt. Paul Reeves as Lieut Moore in Col. Fannings Regiment, their duty was to guard the east end of Long Island and after the British captured the Island their company was disbanded by their officers as said Southold & every man directed to take care of himself. He served as a private.

And this tour which he served before being disbanded was eighteen months. And he further saith that in February 14<sup>th</sup> or 15<sup>th</sup> 1781 he enlisted at Seybrook Connecticut—as a volunteer in the Continental Army for the term of three years and served two years and a half—being retained in the service for some time after the close of the war. He served under Capt. Ephraim Chamberlain, Lieut [Pinto?] & Ensign Curtis in Col. Swift's regiment. At the end of said two years & a half he was taken sick with the measles and received a pass from Lieut Benjamin Hart to return home. At the time of receiving said pass this deponent produced a substitute whose name he does not remember who was accepted by Capt Comstock of Westpoint, who then had the command of the company to which he belonged. And he further saith that by order of the captain he delivered his regimental clothes & equipage to said substitute and paid the amount of the remaining six months' wages to him.

And this deponent further saith that some years afterward—he was visited by one Sherman, son of the regimental paymaster who paid to him the said deponent, the amount of said six months wages.

He further saith that at the said first enlistment, he resided at Southold aforesaid—and at the second enlistment his residence was at said Seybrook.

And this deponent further saith that his age according to the best of his knowledge was within stated—of which he is not positive his memory being much impaired.

He further testifies that his Christian name was presented to him by said Sherman on the record of the army—appeared to have been erroneously spelled—which fact he then remarked to said Sherman. He testified that he has always spelled it as above written—but that it was in the army called Perier or Pyer, sometimes one way & sometimes the other.

He also testifies that he now resides in Locke, Cayuga County and State of New York. He has no documentary evidence & knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity except the present, and he declares that his name is not on the Pension roll of the agency of any state. (Signed with his mark) Puryer Reeves

Sworn & Subscribed the day and year aforesaid before me. Gershorm Morse, A Judge of Cay. Com. Pleas.