

Pension Application for Gideon Salisbury or Salsbury

S.28863

Pension was granted \$22.00 per annum, arrears \$286.00.

Family Record of Births

Benanuel S. Salisbury was born in the year of our Lord seventeen hundred and sixty on the twenty first day of November.

Grace Salisbury was born in the thirteenth day of March in the year of our Lord seventeen hundred and sixty two.

Robert Salisbury was born on the 15th day of April A.D. 1781

Albert W. Salisbury was born on the seventeenth day of December A.D. 1783.

Joseph Salisbury was born on the 22nd day of August A.D.

Mary Salisbury was born on the 4th day of November A.D. 1788.

Elizabeth Salisbury was born on the 28th day of February A.D. 1791.

Almedia Salisbury was born on the 26th day of March AD 1793.

Eleazar L. Salisbury was born on the 4th day of January AD 1798.

Warren Salisbury was born the 13th day of February 1800.

Teybella Salisbury was born on the 2nd day of October AD 1802.

Gideon Salisbury was born January 12th 1763.

Elizabeth Salisbury was born July 7th 1767

Betsy Salisbury was born July 20th 1785

Phebe Salisbury was born December 6th 1787.

Frederick F. Salisbury was born Nov. 6th 1789.

Margaret Salisbury was born May 8th 1791.

Samuel Salisbury was born May 6th 1792.

John Salisbury was born April 30th 1735.

Gideon Salisbury was born November 15th 1708.

Beno[?]will Salisbury was born Feb 15th 1802.

Alfred Salisbury was born July 15th 1804.

Samanthy Salisbury was born Aug. 6th 1807.

William J. Salisbury was born January 6th 1809.

State of New York

County of Cayuga SS.

Personally appeared before the Subscriber a Justice of the peace in & for said county Bennauel Salisbury (1) of Ledyard in said county aged eighty two years in Nov'r last past, & on being duly sworn according to law deposeth & saith that Gideon Salisbury of Potter, Ontario County New York who is applying for a pension as a soldier of the war of the Revolution is this deponents brother, & that he is better than two years younger than this deponent, that this deponent well recollects that his said brother Gideon Salisbury went out in the Militia & went with the Army to Boston, he thinks in 1777—that this deponent well recollects that his said brother the said Gideon Salisbury enlisted under Capt. Christopher Miller, this deponent thinks in 1780, that he marched with the company to the south & that this deponent well recollects of the company returning to old Shoharrie [Schoharie] & this deponent well recollects of his said brother serving under Capt. Miller four months, & that his said brother the aforesaid Gideon Salisbury then enlisted under Capt. Joseph Harrison in the fall of the year & this deponent thinks it was in 1780—that his said brother the said Gideon Salisbury went as a soldier & acted as waiter to Capt. Harrison, that the company & this deponents brother went with them to Fort Stanwick & after a while returned & were stationed at Fort Plain on the Mohawk River, that this deponent well recollects that his said Gideon Salisbury served six months or more under Capt. Harrison, & that he then served under Capt. Wright more than one year, that this deponent being confined at home in charge of the farm & its cares, knows well of his said brother the aforesaid Gideon Salisbury being engaged in the service more than two years, over & above the three months served in the militia in 1777 or 1778—that this deponent well recollects that his said brother the aforesaid Gideon Salisbury was absent in the service of the war of the United States more than two years & that he never came home to see his parents except by permission & on furlough & that this deponent well recollects that his said brother the aforesaid Gideon Salisbury did come home on furlough, that he came home several times on furlough, & that this deponent well recollects that his aforesaid brother came home on furlough soon after the defeat of Corn Wallis & that they held a day of rejoicing, but that he returned again & the army that this deponent well recollects that his said brother received an honorable discharge. (Signed with his mark) Bennanuel Salisbury

Subscribed & sworn before me this 28day of Augt 1843. H. W. Taylor Justice of the Peace of Ledyard.

State of New York
County of Yates SS.

On this day of January in the year one thousand eight hundred and thirty five (1835) personally appeared in open court before the Judges of the court of Common Pleas of the said County of Yates now sitting, being a court of Record—Gideon Salisbury a resident of the town of Middlesex in the said County of Yates and State of New York aged seventy three years the fourteenth day of January instant—who being first duly sworn according to same 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 has been informed by his mother and believes that he was born in the month of January in the year one thousand seven hundred & sixty two (1762) (2) at Salisbury Plains in England—that he was brought by his parents, at the age of three or four years, Emigrated to this country, and settled in Rhode Island—that when he was about eight years old he left Rhode Island with his parents who removed to Dutchess County in the State of New York fourteen miles from Poughkeepsie—that when he was about thirteen years of age he left Dutchess County with his parents who removed to Nobletown then in the county of Albany—now called Hillsdale in the County of Columbia in the State of New York, near the line of Massachusetts—where he resided until after the close of the Revolutionary War.

That he has not now in his possession any original Record of his age but that his brother Benaniel Salisbury now living in the town of Ledyard in the County of Cayuga in the State of New York, has in his possession the original record (kept by his father Gideon Salisbury, now deceased, in his family Bible) of the line of the birth of the above named applicant and of his brothers and sisters—that he has frequently seen the said family record and that by the said record he the said Gideon Salisbury was born the year 1762 as above stated.—

That he the above named applicant entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated—That in the year one thousand seven hundred and seventy seven (1777) at Nobletown then in Albany County now called Hillsdale in the County of Columbia—in the State of New York in the month of October about the time of Burgoyne's (3) surrender, he enlisted as a private soldier in Captain Thomas McInstry's (4) (or McKinstrys) Company of Infantry—in Colonel John McInstry's (5) Regiment (Samuel Mallory was his Lieutenant) for nine months—was sent as one of the Guard of Burgoyne's Army to Boston Massachusetts—and remained at Boston under the said Captain McInstry during the winter and spring of 1778—and then returned in said company under said captain McInstry to Albany in the State of New York, and was then discharged by the said Colonel John McInstry, by a written discharge on the last day of July in the year seventeen hundred and seventy eight (1778) After having served as such private soldier in said company for the whole of said term of nine months—which said discharge was been lost.—

That in the year one thousand seven hundred and Eighty (1780) in the month of August or September he the said Gideon Salisbury the above named applicant again Enlisted at Nobletown aforesaid as a private Solider in Captain Joseph Harrisons Company (6) of infantry in Colonel Marinus Willetts Regiment, for one year—was immediately marched in said company to Tapan [Tappan] Bay, on the North [Hudson] River and there joined the regular American Army of twenty five thousand men, under General Washington (7)—was there put under the command of General Wayne (8), four days after he had taken Stony Point from the British—while at Tapan Bay, the said Company belonged to Colonel Morris Grahams Regiment about time Major Andre (9), was taken as a spy about this time—After remaining at Tapan Bay about three weeks, General Wayne ordered the said Regiment to March, under Colonel Willett (10), up the Mohawk River—was stationed a part of the time at old Schoharrie [Schoharie] where he was engaged in a battle (11) against the Indians in which four hundred Indians were killed—this was in the fall of the year (1780) seventeen hundred and eighty-- some seven or eight of the American Army were killed in this engagement—was stationed in said Regiment during the following winter at Fort Stanwicks (12), now called Rome in the County of Oneida and State of New York—that in the spring of the year seventeen hundred and eighty one (1781) was marched in said company to Herkimer and there built a fort called Fort Herkimer (13), and he was verbally discharged at Fort Plain by the said Captain Harrison (14) in the month of August or September in the year last aforesaid (1781)—after serving as such private solider in said company for the full term of one year—that during said year, said company was at different times under Col. Willett—Col. VanSchaick (15)—and Col. Dubois (16)—that there upon he the said Gideon Salisbury went home to Nobletown aforesaid and in the winter or spring of the following year (1782) he again enlisted as a private soldier at Nobletown aforesaid in Captain Wrights (17) Company of Infantry in Colonel Martinus [Marinus] Willetts Regiment, for the term of nine months—marched thence to Albany—thence up the Mohawk River to Old Schoharie Middle Fort—was then under Captain or Colonel Dubois (18), when the Fort was attacked by the British & Indians under Colonels Butler & Brandt (19) who were repulsed and we followed them to Oneida Lake where they got out of our reach—Afterwards at Stony Arabia (20) in the State of New York he the said applicant was in said company engaged in a Battle against the British and Indians when Captain Butler (21) of the Brittish Army (the son of the said Col. Butler) and Colonel Brown of the American Army were killed—In that Engagement there were six American Soldiers belonging to the

same company with the said Gideon Salisbury to wit—Cole—Spareback, Lyon—Loomis (22) and two other were killed—and he the said Gideon Salisbury had five ball holes made through his garments in said Engagement – and have the belt of his cartridge box shot off by a Musket ball—

And that he the said Gideon Salisbury during the time of the said last enlistment at different times was under different captains to wit. Captain Wright and afterward Captain Miller (23)—that the said Captain Wright belonged to Connecticut—and the said Captain Miller resided at Claverack about five miles from Hudson, in the state of New York—and that during the said last mentioned campaign a Captain Harrison—Captain Clark & Major Rowley (24) belonged to the same regiment with said applicant.

That by reason of old age & consequent loss of memory he cannot swear positively as to the dates and times of his services above set forth but according to the best of his recollection he served as a private soldier in the war of the Revolution—in the American Army—not less than the period herein after mentioned to wit: Nine months under Captain [Joseph Harrison is crossed out] Thomas McInstry in the years 1777- 1778—One year under Captain Joseph Harrison in the years 1780-& 11781—and nine months under Captains Christopher Miller and ---Wright—Making in the whole two years and six months service as a private soldier for which he claims a pension—

That he remained in such service under the said last mentioned enlistment until the month of December in the said year seventeen hundred and eighty two (1782) when he was discharged by the said Colonel Dubois by a written discharge either at Albany or at Fort Plain but does not recollect at which place it was that he received said discharge—which said discharge is lost—

That he has no documentary evidence and that he knows of no person, whose testimony he can procure as to his said services—except Truman Spencer (25) and Benanuel Salisbury whose affidavits accompany this declaration and the affidavits of Archibald Armstrong which was some years ago forwarded to the war department and which he presumes now remains on file in the Pension Office.—

That there is no clergyman residing in his neighborhood whose evidence he can obtain in relation to his age and general belief in the neighborhood relative to his Revolutionary Service.

That he is personally acquainted with Chester Loomis, who is a senator in the Legislature of the State of New York—Enos P. Resmer & Hiram Torry, Merchants—and Augustus Torry a Justice of the Peace who are all his neighbors—and with R. M. Bailey of Geneva N. York who has been an agent for procuring pensions—and with Joshua Lee of Milo in said County of Yates—who is elected to Congress whose names are subscribed on a certificate which is hereunto attached. That he is also well acquainted with Truman Spencer of Benton in said County of Yates—And John Potter of Polten in said County of Yates.

That at the September term of the said court in the year one thousand eight hundred and thirty two he presented to the said court his declaration in this behalf together with such proofs as he could then procure—that the said court then passed His claim and the papers were sent by R.M. Baily Esqr of Geneva to the Pension Office and they have been returned as incomplete—and therefore he now presents a new declaration & proofs which he supposes are complete—

That his brother Benanuel Salisbury whose affidavit is hereto attached resides in Cayuga County, a distance of sixty miles from the court house in said county of Yates by the road which is most frequently traveled, that the said Benanuel Salisbury is seventy four years of age and by reason of infirmity is unable to attend the said court in the said county of Yates.

He the said Gideon Salisbury 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 the said Gideon Salisbury about the year one thousand seven hundred and eighty four (1784) removed from Nobletown aforesaid to Wyoming in Pennsylvania—About three or four years. Thereafter he removed from Wyoming to the head of Seneca Lake in the State of New York—and about the year one thousand seven hundred and eighty nine removed to Big flats in the State of New York—and thence in three or four years thereafter he removed into the town of Benton then in the county of Ontario, now in the said county of Yates—where he resided until about the close of the last War, say about twenty years ago he removed to the said town of Middlesex where he has ever since resided and where he now resides. (Signed) Gideon Salisbury

Sworn and Subscribed the day and year aforesaid in open court—George Thearmus Clerk

End Notes—S.28863—Gideon Salisbury

1. Benanuel Salisbury served as a Private in Colonel Peter VanNess' Ninth Regiment of Albany Militia.
2. According to the record provided for his pension application he was born January 12, 1763. This means he was not of age to serve until 1779. Any service before that date would not count because he was under age.
3. Lieutenant General John Burgoyne surrendered his British forces on October 17, 1777. Gideon was only fourteen years of age at this time and legally he was under age to serve.

4. Thomas McKinstry served as a lieutenant in Colonel VanNess' Regiment. McKinstry served as captain in 1780 in Colonel William Malcolm's Regiment of New York State Levies.
5. John McKinstry was commissioned second major on May 28, 1778 and then as the first major on February 6, 1779 in Colonel VanNess' Regiment.
6. Gideon has almost everything in his declaration mixed up. In 1780, he enlisted as a private on July 27, in Captain Christopher Muller's company in Colonel Morris Graham's Third Regiment of New York State Levies. The muster roll is dated September 9, 1780, camp at Albany. His term of enlistment is listed for 3 months. The company was to be discharged on October 27, 1780. FROM: Revolutionary War Rolls 1775-1783, Series M-246, Roll 72, folder 75, National Archives, Washington, D.C.
7. Commander-in-chief, General George Washington.
8. Brigadier General Anthony Wayne. General Wayne captured Stony Point on July 16, 1779 not in 1780.
9. British major John Andre was hung for being a spy on October 2, 1780.
10. Again he is mistaken. In 1780, Lieutenant-Colonel Commandant Marinus Willett was in command of the Fifth New York Continental Regiment and they did not march to the Mohawk Valley.
11. Gideon is referring to Lieutenant-colonel Sir John Johnson's raid into the Schoharie Valley on October 17, 1780. Captain's Muller and Jacob J. Lansing's Companies of Colonel Graham's Regiment were stationed at the Middle Fort.
12. Colonel Graham's Regiment did not march to Fort Schuyler (Fort Stanwix) and stay there for the winter. The regiment was only raised for three months and because of Sir John Johnson's Raid it may have been kept together past that time but only to about November 1st. Fort Schuyler was garrisoned by the Fourth New York Continental Regiment from November 22, 1780 to January 1, 1781. The Second, Fourth and Fifth New York continental Regiment s were consolidated into a new Second New York. They garrisoned Fort Schuyler from January 1st to about May 17, 1781 when the fort was no longer in condition to be used as a fort.
13. The Second New York under Colonel Philip VanCortlandt started cleaning land in late June of 1781 to build a new fort but it was never completed. The Second New York was ordered to join the American Main Army and eventually arrived at Yorktown, Virginia.
14. Gideon did enlist in Captain Joseph Harrison's company as a private in 1781 in Lieutenant-Colonel Commandant Marinus Willett's Regiment of New York State Levies. He was owed £ 9 . . 10. . 3 and it appears as if he never received it. FROM: Revolutionary War Rolls 1775-1783, Series M-246, Roll 78, folder 173, National Archives, Washington, D.C.
15. Goose VanSchaick was the Colonel of the First New York Continental Regiment. In July his regiment also marched for Yorktown, Virginia.
16. Colonel Lewis DuBois commanded a regiment of New York State Levies in 1780 and was not in active service in the Mohawk Valley in 1781.
17. Captain Job Wright's company of Willett's Regiment was stationed most of the time in 1781 in Saratoga, Stillwater or Ball'sTown.
18. Benjamin Debois was a captain in Willett's Regiment in 1781 and was stationed at the Middle Fort in Schoharie.
19. Lieutenant-Colonel John Butler and Captain Joseph Brant were with Johnson in the October 1780 raid but not in 1781.
20. The Battle of Stone Arabia happened on October 19, 1780 at 10:00 A.M. Gideon could not have been in this battle having been in the Middle Fort on the 17th.
21. Captain Walter Butler was killed October 30, 1781 at West Canada Creek not at Stone Arabia. Colonel John Brown was killed here but Gideon has it mixed up about Butler.
22. This is possibly Andrew Lummes who was a private in Captain Muller's company and Amariah Lyons a private in Captain Lansing's Company. A soldier named Von Sparbeck or Sparebeck, etc., was found in Graham's Regiment and there were several Cole's but those companies were not in the Schoharie or Mohawk Valleys. Muller's and Lansing's company muster rolls were dated at Schoharie on October 14, 1780 but as they were not at Stone Arabia they probably were not killed. A Conrad Sparbeck served with Gideon in Captain Hanson's Company in 1781 but he was not killed either.
23. Captain Muller was not in this part of the Mohawk after 1780.
24. Captain Samuel Clarke and Major Aaron Rowley were in Colonel Elisha Porter's Regiment of Massachusetts Levies in 1781. They were both wounded at the battle of Johnstown on October 25, 1781.
25. Truman Spencer served as a private in 1781 in Captain Aaron Hale's Company in Colonel Willett's Regiment. In 1782 he enlisted in Captain Henry's Company and after sometime in July of 1782 he was transferred to Captain Simeon Newell's Company. Both Henry and Newell's companies were in Willett's Regiment.