

Pension Application for William Sickler

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State of New York

Albany County SS.

On this 27th day of October AD 1832, personally appeared before Joseph B. Moore a Judge of the County Courts of the County of Albany and State aforesaid William Sickler a resident of the town of Coeymans in the County of Albany and State of New York aged 72 years and upwards who being first duly sworn according to law 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 entered the service of the United States under the following named officers, and served as herein stated.

He entered the said service at a place then called "New Britain", now in the County of Columbia in the State of New York where he then resided as a volunteer, and joined Captain Daniel Herrick's Company and Colonel Waterman's regiment, as a Fifer on the first of April 1777 and was immediately marched to Albany where he staid a short time and was then marched to Fort Edward, where he staid three weeks, and was then marched to Lake George and from there to Fort Stanwix where he continued a short time and was then marched to Johnstown and from there to Fort Miller where he staid and did garrison duty until the 6th day of October 1777, when he received a Furlough for nine days to return home in consequence of being sick and unable to do duty, that he immediately went down to Albany and could get no further on account of his illness. He continued at Albany until after the surrender of Burgoyne at Saratoga and was there when the troops marched down to Albany and he there saw Genl Burgoyne, after the surrender of Burgoyne the company and regiment to which he belonged, were disbanded and he returned home.

He served in the said company and regiment as a fifer from the first of April 1777 to the last of October 1777 (including the time he was on a furlough) making the whole six months & six days for which he claims a pension; besides the time he was on a furlough. He was in no battles nor did he receive a written discharge. He was born in the year 1760 as near as he can recollect, in the town of Fishkill in the now County of Dutchess in the State of New York and removed from there to New Britain aforesaid when he was a small boy, where he continued to reside until he removed to the said town of Coeymans where he has resided about fifty years, he has no record of his age.

That his recollection is very much impaired and he does not now recollect the officers names who were in the Army at the same time, recollects however that Nathaniel Herrick brother of his Captain was a Lieutenant in his company—that Joseph French was the drummer and he this declarant the fifer of the said company, a private, belonging to the same company called King Jarvis was killed by the Indians near Lake George Also Simon Lathrop—He knew Sam'l Wheeler and Peleg Douglass who belonged to the same comp'y & regiment, the latter of whom was whipped for stealing cabbages and deserted the next night after.

There is no clergyman in his neighbourhood or within the vicinity where he resides who knows or has heard anything of his service in the revolutionary war, to his knowledge—He is well known to Stephen Hains Esqr, Henry Niles, John Whitbeck, Thomas Whitbeck and Isaac Whitbeck and others who are now living in his neighbourhood and who can testify to his character for truth and veracity and their belief of his services as a soldier of the revolution—

He resides about 18 miles from the City of Albany where the courts of record for the County of Albany are held—and that he is wholly unable to travel that distance to attend the court. That he is troubled with an extremely bad rupture which entirely disables him from labour, and from travelling.

He has no documentary evidence, nor does he know of any person he can procure to testify to his services, although he has made very enquiry possible to obtain witnesses.