

Pension Application for James Stanley

S.37447

Maine Agency

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

York SS.

On this eleventh day of May A.D. 1818, before me the subscriber, Chief Justice of the Circuit Court of Common Pleas for the first Eastern Circuit in said Commonwealth, personally appears James Stanley aged sixty eight years resident in South Beverick in said County of York, who being by me first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following Declaration in order to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War:—

That he the said James Stanley in the month of January 1776, enlisted as a private soldier, in the Continental Army for the term of twelve months, under Capt. Silas Wild's Comp'y in the Regt Commanded by Coln Phinney of the Massachusetts Line. That he continued to do his duty in said Comp'y & Regt, in the various places in which they were stationed, untill the above named term of one year expired, when he was honorably discharged at Ticonderoga in the State of New York—

And in evidence of the truth of the foregoing declaration, made by the said James Stanly, William Trent a reputable witness upon his oath testifies and says, that h was a Lieutenant in the Comp'y commanded by Capt Silas Wild of Col. Phinneys Regiment, and that on the first of January 1776 he did enlist the said James Stanley as a private soldier for the term of one year, and that said James Stanley did his duty as a good soldier in said Comp'y & Regiment during the whole term of his enlistment and at the expiration thereof he was honorably discharged at Ticonderoga on the first day of Jany A.D. 1777.

That he is reduced in his circumstances and needs the assistance of his country for support, and that he has no other evidence now in his power of his said services.

Sworn to and before me the day and year above said. Benj'n Greene

Letter in folder dated May 28, 1935, written in response to an inquiry.

Reference is made to your letter in which you request the Revolutionary War records of James Stanley and Simeon Ross, and with which you furnish citations regarding their services from Massachusetts Soldiers and Sailors.

A search of the Revolutionary War records fails to show a claim for pension on file based upon the service of any Simeon Rose. The record of James Stanley, who rendered the service cited by you, is given herein as shown in the papers on file in pension claim,S.37477, based upon his service in that war. His name is not shown Standley.

James Stanley enlisted January 1, 1776, served one year as private in Captain Silas Wild's company, Colonel Phinney's Massachusetts regiment and was discharged at Ticonderoga, New York. The place of his residence at enlistment is not shown.

He was allowed pension on his application executed May 11, 1818, at which time he resided in South Berwick, York County, Massachusetts (later Maine).

In 1820, while residing in South Berwick, Maine, he gave his age as seventy-one years, but did not give the date or place of his birth or names of his parents. His family consisted then of his wife, Sally, aged sixty years, Lydia Hamilton, aged twenty years, and Franklin Lord, aged sixteen; the maiden name of his wife, and date of their marriage are not shown, nor relationship of Lydia and Pauline.