

Pension Application for David Stevens

S.14607

State of New York

Orange County, SS.

On this third day of December 1832 personally appeared in open court before the Court of Common Pleas now sitting David Stevens a resident of Warwick in Orange County in said State aged seventy seven 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 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. Deponent saith that he was born at Peekskill in said State of New York on the 15th day of February in the year 1755 as he believes and as appears in and by his father's family record now in possession of his family. That he was living when first called into the revolutionary service in the said town of Warwick.

That he entered and served under commandant Anthony Finn at Fort Montgomery two months as a private soldier in the summer of 1776. His company belonged to Colonel John Hathorn's Regiment, and was employed while at Fort Montgomery in building the same. That during the same year he, deponent, volunteered and served two months under Captain Raymond in Colonel Nicoll's Regiment most of which time he was stationed with his company at Fort Constitution on the east side of the Hudson River.

Deponent further saith that during the year 1777 he served under Captains Watkins, Andres Miller, Shephard & Jones, and also under Captain Richard Baley, in Colonel Hathorn's and Colonel Nicoll's Regiments at least eight months & was during this time at Ramapo, Paramus, Hackensack, at Tappan & Kakait. This service deponent saith consisted principally in checking the British marauding parties in those places and repelling and capturing vast hoards of Tories who took shelter in the adjacent mountains.

Deponent further saith that in the year 1778 he volunteered under Captain McKinstry of Balston in Colonel Malcomb's Regiment, Major Benscouter and Adjutant Fonda belonging to the same. Was marched from Stony Point to Fishkill, thence to Poughkeepsie, Albany, Schenectady to Fort Schuyler and thence to Fort Dayton and after remaining at that latter place some time was ordered and marched to Albany where deponents Regiment was discharged. Deponent served in this campaign nine months, the term for which he enlisted, and for the first and only time in his life, drew pay as a private soldier.

Deponent further saith that in the year 1779 & 1780 he served ten months on the Minisink and Susquehannah frontier, principally against the hostile Indians was commanded by Captains Baily, Miller Shephard and others, attached to Colonel John Hathorn's and [?] Regiments. Deponent saith that he does not recollect of receiving a written discharge at this or at any other time during the revolutionary war—saith that in addition to the above enumerated services which he faithfully rendered his country in that eventful period he was frequently out on militia service for periods of weeks and months and shorter terms and declares that he served as a private soldier more than two years. He 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. (Signed) David Stevens.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid. Asa Dunning, Clerk

Letter in folder dated November 3, 1914.

In response to your letter dated the 30th ultimo, you are herewith furnished the history of David Stevens of orange County, NY Revolutionary War pensioner, S.F. #14,607 and advised that a careful search of the records fails to show such a claim on file for Jeremiah, son of David Stevens under any spelling of the name.

As however you allege that said Jeremiah was a Revolutionary War pensioner, you are requested to furnish any data in your possession relative to his claim such as, places of residence at

enlistment and at the time of application for pension, approximate date of birth, name of widow and of some officer under whom he served, when another search of the records will be made.