

Pension Application for Elijah Stevens

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State of New York

Dutchess County SS.

On this twenty first day of January one thousand eight hundred and thirty three personally appeared before me Stephen Thorn one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in and for the County of Dutchess in the State of New York being a Court of Record, Elijah Stevens, a resident of the Town of Stanford in Dutchess County & State of New York, aged seventy one 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 7th 1832 that he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated he first enlisted [in] the service in the fall of the year one thousand seven hundred & seventy five was drafted for one month and was under command of Capt. Smith and Lieut Buck, he resided at Cornwell in Orange County in the State of New York at the time marched to Fort Montgomery and worked at the fort till his time expired and was discharged and in the spring of one thousand seven hundred & seventy six he enlisted for nine month[s] he now cannot recollect the month or the day of the month he did enlist, he was under the command of Cap't Raymond marched from Cornwell before mentioned to a place called Morisena & joined a Regiment but is not now able to say who the officers of the regiment was from Morisena they marched to Kingsbridge and to Fort Washington on York Island remained there a short time then crossed the North River in the State of New Jersey to a place called Hackensack and from thence they marched to Tappan was there at the time the Battel [Battle] was at White Plains. He remained at Tappan or near there till his term of enlistment expired & he was discharged which was late in the fall or the fore part of the winter, now is not able to say which says that he well remembers that Col. Malcom commanded the Regiment after they left Fort Washington on York Island & went to the Jersies but thins before that they had some other person for Col.

Remembers seeing General Washington, Genl Putman & Clinton & others while on that tour of service in the winter of one thousand seven hundred and seventy seven he was drafted to go in the service for one month & went under the command of Capt. Persons and Lieut Sanford marched from Orange County to a place called Hackensack in New Jersey & served his time out & was discharged cannot now tell who was the principal officer that command[ed] at that time. In the fall of the year one thousand seven hundred & seventy eight he was drafted for one month['s] service at Hyde Park in Dutchess County marched under the command of Capt. Spencer to Ulster County, what then was called the frontiers to a place called Rochester & was there to guard against the Tories & Indians. Stayed till his term of service expired & was discharged. Remembers General James Clinton was the officer who had the command of the troops at that place at that time in the year one thousand seven hundred and eighty he was drafted for three month's service. Then lived at Hyde Park aforesaid marched under the command of Capt. McKinstry was marched to West Point there served Col. Malcoms Righmen [Regiment] went from there to Albany and from there to what was called the German Faltt[s] & stayed there till his term of service expired and was discharged he cannot now recollect who the commanding General was at that place in the year one thousand seven hundred and eighty one he was drafted for two month service. Then lived at Stillwater in Saratoga County was marched to Fort Edward & put under the command of Capt. Morse was at Fort George & Crown Point while at Fort George a party of British & Indians took from us some cattel [cattle] and horses stayed there till my term expired & I was discharged. Col. Warren commanded at Fort George and Capt. Chipman at [blotted] & I think General Schuyler had the command of these places at that time he remember of seeing him while on this tour of Service he says that he has no documentary evidence and that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service except the affidavit of Jeremiah Horton who was with him three months of his service to which affidavit is hereto annexed her 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.

He was born in the year one thousand seven hundred & sixty one, December the 23rd he has a record of his age in a family Bible he lived in Cornwell Orange County State of New York when he first was called in to the service lived in Hyde Park in Dutchess County, when twice called in service and one in Stillwater in Saratoga he was drafted when he was called into service except once & then he enlisted for nine months he cannot state the name of officers where he served in the service more fully than he has with certainty he never received any written discharge for his services he states the names of David Gurney, David Parks, David Waltermers, Uriah Tompson, Arnold Beekman to whom he is known in his present neighborhood and who can testify as to his character for veracity and their belief of his services as a soldier of the Revolution. (Signed) Elijah Stevens

Sworn to and subscribed the day & year aforesaid. Stephen Thorn, Judge &c.