

Pension Application for Stephen Talmage

S.28906

State of New York

County of Suffolk SS

On the second day of October one thousand eight hundred and thirty two personally appeared in open court in the Court of Common Pleas in and for the County of Suffolk being a court of record and so constituted by an act of the legislature of the State of New York, Stephen Talmage resident in said county aged seventy three years, who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the of Congress of the 18th March 1818 and 1st May 1820.

That he the said Stephen Talmage some time in the month of April in the year one thousand seven hundred and seventy six, at Bridge Hampton in the said County of Suffolk and State of New York, enlisted in the company commanded by Captain John Davis in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Henry B. Livingston in the line of the State of New York on the Continental establishment that he continued to serve in the said corpse until the expiration of the said term of nine months, at which time he was in fort [Fort] Montgomery in the State of New York then he then volunteered to continue in the said service two months longer and he continued to serve in Fort Montgomery under the command of general George Clinton during the said two months, and until some time in the fore part of the month of March in the year one thousand seven hundred and seventy seven when he was discharged from the said service at the said Fort Montgomery in the State of New York, that he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension except the present, that his name is not on the roll of any State except the State of New York, that the only reason why he has not made an earlier application for a pension was his desire to live you his own industry, until the infirmities of age have driven him to make the application, which his friends and neighbors have been urging him to do for years.

An in pursuance of the act of the 1st May 1820 I do solemnly swear that I was a resident citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift, sale or in any manner disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions of an act of Congress entitled "an act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land an naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War" passed on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property or securities contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed that since the 18th of March 1818 no material changes have been made in my property no[r] any change at all except the change of cows and swine, but the value thereof has not been materially altered, that I am by trade a weaver but my principal occupation now is daily labourer as a farmer which I am illy able to pursue by reason of the infirmities of old age.

That my family consists of my wife aged sixty eight years and myself, and that I am in such indigent circumstances as to be unable to support myself except by the aid of public or private charity. (Signed) Stephen Talmage

Schedule of all the estate both real and personal of Stephen Talmage above named except his necessary bedding and wearing apparel.

Real Estate

Homestead farm with house and bar and seven or eight acres of land situate in the Town of Southampton in the county of Suffolk and bounded Easterly by the land of Lyman Hedgers, Southerly by the land of Stephen Talmage, Junior, Westerly and Northerly by the highway, valued at \$300.00.

Personal Property

Two cows 25.00

Two hogs 4.00

3 tables 2.00

9 chairs 2.00

1 high chest .50

Chest of Drawers 1.00

Clock 10.00

1 looking glass .25

1 Glass Pitcher .25

1 Decanter .25

1 teapot .13 ½

1 milk pot .05

2 dozen earthen plates 1.00

1 stand .25

\$347.43

Signed Stephen Talmage

Schedule of the debts owing by the said Stephen Talmage

Samuel Huntting \$143.29

Stephen Halsey 105.64

Estate of Samuel N. Rose. 123.00

\$371.93

Signed Stephen Talmage

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the said court on this ninth day of October one thousand eight hundred and thirty two.
Joseph R. Hunting, Clk

STEPHEN TALMAGE.

[To accompany bill H.R. No. 282

FEBRUARY 4, 1836.

Mr. Lay, from the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions, made the following
REPORT:

The Committee on Revolutionary Pensions, to which was referred the petition of Stephen Talmage,

That it appears, from an examination of his petition and papers, that the said Stephen Talmage was a revolutionary soldier and claims pay [sic] under the acts of 1818 and 1820. That he first enlisted into the company commanded by Captain John Davis, in the regiment commanded by Col. Henry B. Livingston, in the line of the State of New York on the continental establishment, in April, 1776, at Bridge Hampton, county, of Suffolk, and State of New York, for the term of nine months, and is not seventy-five years old. He served out his time, and was regularly discharged at Fort Montgomery, in New York. That he again went into the service for two months longer; and continued to serve at the said Fort Montgomery under the command of General George Clinton until the end and expiration of the said two months, which was in March in the year 1777, when he was discharged. That the reason he never made an earlier application for a pension, was because he had hoped to live by his industry until the infirmities of old age and poverty compelled him to petition for relief. The papers have all been before the Commissioner of Pensions, who pronounced the proof of service to be made out satisfactorily; but disallowed the claim, on the ground that he had not complied with the rules of the Department, as to the value of his property. The paper, furnish the most satisfactory proof of the poverty of the petitioner, and the statement [statement] of the petitioner is fully corroborated by the testimony of credible witnesses.

Proof of service.

Nathan Fordham swears that he was a soldier in the army of the United States in the year 1776, in a regiment commanded by Col. Henry B. Livingston, and stationed at Montauk, and continued in such service until March 1, 1777, being thirteen months. That he knows Stephen Talmage, the petitioner, and that he was in the service, and served in the same regiment and company, with said Fordham. That he verily believes said Talmage did serve the same length of time in the said company and regiment that the deponent Fordham, did.

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Sylvanus Halsey, another witness, testifies that he was a soldier in the revolutionary war in the year 1776, in the company commanded by Captain John Davis in the regiment commanded by Col. Henry B. Livingston. That witness served in said company from March in that year till the last day of December. That the petitioner, Stephen Talmage, served in the same company with witness, Halsey, from March aforesaid until the first day of January following, to the personal knowledge of witness. That the witness left service, and that said Talmage volunteered to stay two months longer in the service, which he did, as the witness understood, and believes that the said Talmage did not return until March following.

Abraham Sherril, of the town of East Hampton in the county of Suffolk, testifies that he is seventy-nine years of age, on the 6th of November, 1833. That he was a soldier in the army of the revolution in the company commanded by Captain John Davis, in the regiment commanded by Col. Henry B. Livingston, for the term of nine months, in the spring of 1776, thinks in April, and served until January following.

That Stephen Talmage, the petitioner, was, during the whole term of the service of witness, a private soldier in the same company and regiment with witness, and was regularly discharged with witness at Fort Montgomery, New York. That, after their discharge, at the solicitation of General Clinton, the said Stephen Talmage and witness continued to serve two months longer, and they left the service together, being regularly discharged. Two of the aforesaid witnesses, Fordham and Halsey reside in the same town and country with the petitioner, and the third, Sherril, in the town adjoining, and in the same county, and are all certified to be men of unimpeachable truth and veracity.

The committee are of opinion that the petitioner does not come within the provisions of the acts of 1818 and 1820; but is, under the act of 1832, entitled to pay for eleven months' service, and have reported a bill to that effect.