

Pension Application for Reuben Turner

W.26564 (Widow: Jane) They married August 24, 1775. Reuben died 1834.

Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

State of New York

County of St. Lawrence SS

On this twenty fifth day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty two personally appeared in open Court before the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in said County of St. Lawrence now sitting Reuben Turner a resident in the Town of Lisbon in the County of St. Lawrence and State of New York aged 90 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.

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That he entered the service in the month of April 1775 as a volunteer at the Town of Salem in the County of Washington and State of New York in a company commanded by Captain Lee and of which Moses Martin was Lieutenant, that they marched from Salem to Castleton in the State of Vermont and were annexed to Colonel Warner's Regiment of the Vermont Line, that they marched from Castleton under the command of General Ethan Allen to Ticonderoga, that General Allen with his force captured the Fort with about thirty British Troops, and took all the ammunition & Cannon in the Fort—the British were taken by surprise and no fighting took place.

That General Arnold joined the said forces of General Allen at Castleton, and marched with them to Ticonderoga. That immediately after the Capture General Allen left a small detachment at the Fort to take the charge thereof, and marched to Crown Point and took the fort with about 20 British Troops in it and some ammunition, taking them also by surprise. That leaving a small force there; the general proceeded to St. Johns and took the Fort there with the shipping, that he then returned to Crown Point and made a stand there. That this declarant remained in that service for more than three months, and until the regular American Army came on, marching to Quebec, when he returned home to Salem.

That in the month of January 1776 at the Town of Salem he this deponent entered as a volunteer in the service of the United States and joined Captain Joseph McCrackers Company in Colonel TenEyck's Regiment and proceeded with a detachment of that Regiment in sleighs to Caughnawaga & Johnstown in Montgomery County to Suppress Sir John Johnson and his Indians and Tories and was going in that Town about a fortnight or three weeks and then returned home. Sir John giving three hostages, that he would do no mischief.

That he this deponent remained at home until the opening of the Lake in the Spring, when about the month of May he again joined Captain McCracken as a volunteer and marched with him and his company to Skeensborough now called White

Hall, continued there about ten or fourteen days and then again returned to Salem with Captain McCracken and his company.

That in the month of May 1777 he this deponent entered the service at Salem as a volunteer of the New York Militia in Colonel Alexander Websters Regiment, in which Regiment he was appointed Adjutant, of which John Williams was Lieut Colonel—that soon after this deponent joined the service as adjutant, Captain McCracken had orders from general Schuyler to erect a Picket Fort at Salem, at which he had command and this deponent adjusted in erecting it and was engaged there for about two months, at which time Captain McCracken had orders to repair to West Point, and this deponent uniting with Maj'r Armstrong and Lieutenant Barnes, under Colonel Williams' Command, in the month of August, marched for Bennington, and was in the Battle of Bennington under the command of General Starks—that he remained there a week after the battle in burying the dead &c, was then ordered with Lieutenant Barnes to proceed on a scout to Quashicook a place between Salem and Allenton, in pursuit of Tories—from thence returned to Bennington and from thence to Williamstown and continued in actual service for about three months at this time including the two months above mentioned.

That this deponent continued to be adjutant in Colonel Webster's Regiment during the war, and in the years 1778 and 1779 was almost instantly engaged during the summer seasons at Skeensborough, Fort Ann, Fort Edward and Fort George—

That in 1778 he thinks Captain Stockwell and Lieutenant Armstrong had command of those Forts as had also Lieutenant Barnes—and that this deponent was all that summer engaged at the Forts and scouting in the adjacent country, being country, being deemed an experienced woodsman—and the soldiers were always ready to go with him.

That in the year 1779 he was engaged in scouting during nearly the whole summer, in the contiguous country to those Forts.

That he has no documentary evidence in his possession and knows of no other persons whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service, but those of Robert Huggans & Samuel Bristol annexed to this declaration.

That he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is onto on the Pension roll of the agency of any state.

And to the interrogatories propounded by the court this declarant answereth and saith.

That he was born in Pelham County of Northampton State of Massachusetts in the year 1742.

Has record of his age he thinks is in Pelham and has non other than he made himself in his Bible

That he lived at each time when he entered the service at Salem in Washington County—that he continued to live there until the year 1800 when he continued to live there until the year 1800 when he removed to Lisbon St. Lawrence County where he now resides—has been there 32 years.

That when called into service at each time he volunteered.

That he does not recollect the Names of the regular officers who were with the troops where he served, farther than stated in his declaration.

That he never received a written discharge from the service.

That he is well known in his neighbourhood and trusts that his character for truth & veracity cannot be impeached and he refers to Judge Robert Livingston, to testify as to his character for veracity and their belief of his services as soldier of the Revolution. (Signed) Reuben Turner

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid. A. C. Low, Clk