

### **Pension Application for Samuel Woodworth**

W.26095 (Widow: Sally)

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The letter replying to the inquiry about the soldier's record is dated June 27, 1930.

I advise you from the papers in the Revolutionary War pension claim W.26095, it appears that Samuel Woodworth, he was the son of Cyremis Woodworth, born August 20, 1763, in Salisbury, Litchfield County, Connecticut.

While residing in said Litchfield, he enlisted and served as a private with the Connecticut Troops, as follows:

In the summer of 1779, one month, as a substitute for his father in Captain Roger Moore's Company; from July, 1780, two months, in Captain Granger's Company, Colonel Beebe's Regiment; from March 1, 1781, one year, in Captain Matthew Smith's Company under General Waterbury and was in a battle at Throg's or Frog's Point.

He was allowed pension on his application executed September 19, 1832, while residing at Mayfield, Montgomery (which was later Fulton) County, New York.

He died June 13, 1854, in Fulton County, New York.

The soldier married December 4, 1821, in Mayfield, New York, Mrs. Sally Wells. Her maiden name is not given nor is the name of her first husband stated.

She was allowed pension on account of the service of Samuel Woodworth on her application executed February 1, 1855, at which time she was living in Fulton County, New York, and aged about sixty-five years.

There are no data as to their children.

State of New York

County of Montgomery

On this nineteenth day of September 1832 personally appeared in open court before the Judges of the Court of Comon [Common] Pleas of the County of Montgomery now sitting Samuel Woodworth, a resident of the town of Mayfield in the County of Montgomery and State of New York, aged sixty nine years the 20<sup>th</sup> day of August last past, 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 according to his best information & belief he was born in the town of Salisbury in the County of Litchfield and State of Connecticut, on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of August 1763. That he has in his possession a record of his age in his father's hand writing, made many years ago. That he continued to reside in Salisbury aforesaid until he went into the service of the U.S. and afterwards until he removed to the Town of Mayfield aforesaid.

Soon after the close of the revolutionary war, where he has ever since resided and now resides.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated—

1<sup>st</sup> one month) That he served one month as a substitute for his father in part of the month of August and September 1779 in a company of Militia, commanded by Capt. Roger Moore, (1) Lieut Pardy & Ensign Eli, marched from Salisbury through Sharon, Dover, Danbury, Richfield, [Coscole?] near Horseneck, Middlesex, and Norwalk to Fairfield and then spent the remainder of the month, and was then discharged by said Captain.

2d two months) That he was drafted and served two months July and August 1780, went the same road and through the same towns as above until he joined the nine months men at [north] street in Horseneck, commanded by Gen. Waterbury (2) & Col. Beeby (3) the Capt. under whom he served he thinks was Granders (4) (is not positive). At the expiration of the two months, he was discharged with his companies in parade by Genl Waterbury.

3d one year) And that he enlisted for and served one year commencing the 1<sup>st</sup> day of March 1781 and ending the same time in 1782—that he went through Cornwall and Goshen to Litchfield & there joined the Co<sup>Y</sup> [Company] into which he served commanded by Capt. Matthew Smith, (5), Lieut Seth Goodwin, & Ensign Allen, marched through New Milford, Bedford, Danbury & Ridgefield into Stratford where he joined his Regiment, commanded by Genl Waterbury, Major Humphries (6), Brigade Major Webb, (7) and Adjutant Bull (8) (that he no Col) that they lay on Palmer's hill about a month, then marched to North Street there about two months from thence they marched to the west, through Rye & Marineck to Frogs Point on Throg's Point, (9) then in the month of June 1781 they had a Battle with Refugees, as they were called, or Delancy's Corps, (10) that his deponent was in said engagement and that seven of his party were killed and it was said thirty six of the enemy, that they then returned to North Street, and in July went back to Frogs Point, at which time and place he first say Gen. Washington (11) in company and the French officers. Then marched to White Plains, lay there till Sept. then returned to Stratford & built Redoubts and Barracks and wintered [?] at the expiration of the year they received no written discharge but [?] were discharged informly [informally] by Genl Waterbury, on parole, etc.

That he never received any written discharge, that he served in the Militia and State troops of Connecticut as aforesaid at three different terms, in all fifteen months as aforesaid—

He hereby relinquishes his 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 states the names of Oliver Rice (12) Esqr, Collins Odell Esqr, William McConnel Esqr, Joshua Lanfen & Edward Kennicut as persons to whom he is know in his present neighbourhood, and who can testify as to his character for veracity and their belief of his services as a soldier of the Revolution—(Signed) Samuel Woodworth.

Sworn and subscribed the day and year aforesaid. Geo: D. Ferguson, Clerk

State of New York

Montgomery County SS.

On this nineteenth day of September 1832 personally appeared Rebecca Woodworth (13) before the Judges of the court of common Pleas of the County of Montgomery now sitting in open cort [sic court] and saith she has been well acquainted with Samuel Woodworth of Mayfield, who is applying for a pension, ever since he was a boy and lived with his father in Salisbury, that she is Aunt to the said Samuel by marriage that she remembers well his going into the U.S. service and the three several [sic] times as stated in his affidavit. That he always called at her home when he returned home from the war, and often heard him and his companions talk over their adventures in the revolutionary war and while in their country's service; that she has always believed and does believe he performed the services mentioned in his affidavit, and that his character for veracity has always been good. (Signed) Rebecca Woodworth.

Sworn in open court the 19<sup>th</sup> Sept. 1832. Geo. D. Ferguson, Clerk

State of New York

Montgomery County SS.

Personally come in open Cort of Common Pleas and general sessions now sitting before me Aron Haring first Judge of said County of Montgomery Luke Woodworth a person to me well known who deposes and saith that he is brother of Samuel Woodworth some few years younger that they were born in the town of Salisbury County of Litchfield and State of Connecticut, and that his brother Saml agreeable to his Fathers family record was born the 20<sup>th</sup> day of August 1763. That he well remembers of his being from home for the term of fifteen months in the service of the Militia of the revolutionary war, as follows the first campaign was for one month a substitute for our fathers draught, the second for two months on his own draught and the third for one year on his enlistment, which time or terms he believes was faithfully served by his brother Samuel for he went from home in the [habitiments?] and equipments [equipments] of a soldier and at the expiration of the above named time or term he returned in the same and have heard him, with his companions in arms at our fathers house recount over the services and battles through which they passed therefore he does not hesitate to say that his brother has served fifteen months in the Militia of the revolutionary war, further this deponent saith & not.— (Signed) Luke Woodworth

Sworn in open court the 19<sup>th</sup> Sept. 1832. Geo: D. Ferguson, Clerk

State of New York

County of Fulton SS.

Be it known that before Lucius Rice a Justice of the Peace in and for the county aforesaid duly authorized by law to administer oath personally appeared Sally Woodworth and made oath in due form of law that she is the widow of Samuel Woodworth who was a pensioner in the Revolutionary Army and is now Dead. That she was married to Samuel Woodworth in the year 1821 on the 4<sup>th</sup> Day of December in the Town of Mayfield County & State aforesaid by the Revd William Groom a Clergyman in the Baptist Church and Selah Woodworth & Rebecahah [sic] Woodworth were present and are now dead that she still remains the widow of the late Samuel Woodworth Deceased and that she is now 66 years of age and that she hereby asks that the pension may be continued the original certificate is hereunto annexed. (Signed with her mark) Sally Woodworth

Sworn & subscribed before me this 16<sup>th</sup> day of January 1855. Lucius Rice, Justice of the peace. Horace Darling.

New York State

Fulton County SS.

December 4<sup>th</sup> 1821.

Married Mr. Samuel Woodworth to Mrs. Widow Wells both of Mayfield. Text per me Wm. Groom

I certify that the forgoing is a true and correct extract from said Record of Marriages Except the date which I hereby give in writing said Marriage was December fourth in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty one. (Dec. 4<sup>th</sup> 1821) Wm Groom

Wm. Groom of Broadalbin being duly sworn doth depose and say that he is a Minister of the gospel and that he married Mr. Samuel Woodworth to Mrs. Widow Wells on the 4<sup>th</sup> day of December 1821 and this deponent further says that he was a minister of the Gospel at the above date and the above is a record of my minutes. Wm. Groom

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 22d day of January 1855. Ira. C. Sears, Justice of the Peace.

End Notes—W.26095—Samuel Woodworth

1. Captain Roger Moore, Lieut. Parly and Ensign Eli were probably officers in the Connecticut Militia.
2. Brigadier General David Waterbury of the Connecticut Militia. He was taken prisoner on October 11, 1776 at the Battle of Valour Island, New York. He was exchanged in October 1780.
3. Colonel Bezaleel Beebe of a regiment of Connecticut Militia.
4. Possibly Bidad Granger or Samuel Granger.
5. Captain Matthew Smith, Lieut Seth Goodwin and Ensign Allen were probably officers in the Connecticut Militia.
6. There are several Humphrys but without the first name it cannot be determined which one he is referring to.
7. Samuel Webb was the Brigadier Major of General Waterbury's Brigade from January 1781 until April 1781 when he resigned.
8. There are several Bulls in the Connecticut Militia and without his first name it is not possible to determine which he is referring to.
9. So far the only battle I can find for Throg's Neck or Throg's Point, N.Y. is October 12, 1776.
10. DeLancey's Corp of Loyalists was made up of Loyalists from New York City, Westchester County area and New Jersey.
11. Commander-in-chief General George Washington.
12. Oliver Rice's home still stands in Mayfield on Riceville Road. It is a museum owned and operated by the Mayfield Historical Society. Oliver had served in the Massachusetts Troops during the War of Independence and sometime after the war he moved to the Town of Mayfield and started a settlement which was called Riceville. He had a grist mill and he also was the postmaster for Mayfield.
13. Rebecca Woodworth daughter of Jacob Dunham and widow of Selah Woodworth.