

Pension Application for Silas Aldrich

W.16811 (Widow: Hannah)

State of New York

Putnam County SS.

On this twenty third day of December in the year one thousand eight hundred & nineteen before me the Subscriber first Judge of the Court of Common Pleas in & for the said County of Putnam personally appeared Silas Aldrich aged fifty four years resident at Buttermilk Falls in the County of Orange in the said State, who being by me first duly sworn according to Law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision by the large act of congress entitled "An act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war".

That he the said Silas Aldrich enlisted for the term of three years according to the best recollection of this deponent in the year 1778 or 1779 at the town of Windham in the State of Massachusetts under a recruiting officer at that place whose name this deponent does not now recollect, that immediately after so inlisting [enlisting] this deponent came on with the said officer to West Point in the state of New York was placed in a company commanded by Lieutenant Umphreys Graton of the regiment commanded by Col. Graton the father of the said Lieutenant, being the third regiment in the line of the State of Massachusetts on the Continental Establishment, that he continued to serve in the said Corps until the end of the term of his said inlistment after which period, this deponent again entered the service in the same regiment during the war as a substitute for a soldier in the same regiment whose name he does not recollect & the company was then commanded by Capt. Hobby and the Regiment by Col. Michael Jackson where he continued to serve until the close of the war, when he was discharged at West Point in the State of New York in the close of the year 1783 or beginning of the year 1784.

That the only battles this deponent was in near the battles at & about Kings Bridge in the State of New York and that he is in reduced circumstances and stands in need of the assistance of his Country for support, and that he has no other evidence now in his power except the affidavits hereto annexed of his said service.

This deponent further saith that on the second of third day of April in the year 1818 this deponent appeared before the said Judge & made oath to the facts substantially as above stated for the purpose of obtaining the pension under the act above mentioned which was left with William Nelson of Peekskill in Westchester County for the purpose of being forwarded to the office of the Secretary of War, since which this deponent has had no other intelligence of the same other than the the [sic] same was misdirected in returning the same to said Nelson from office of Secretary at War. (Signed) Silas Aldrich.

Harry Garrison first Judge of Putnam County.