

## **Pension Application for Phineas Alvord**

S.12911

Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7, 1832.

State of New York

Madison County SS.

On this 9<sup>th</sup> day of October 1832 personally appeared in open court before the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas of the County of Madison now sitting said court being a court of record, Phineas Alvord a resident of Hamilton in said County of Madison & State of New York aged seventy two years in February last, 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 he entered the service of the United States under the following circumstances & served as follows.

Firstly. That in the month of May 1776 then being a resident of Hampshire County in the State 6 mos of Massachusetts & of the town of Northampton in that County he enlisted at that place for six months in the company of Captain Josiah Smith, of which one Weeks was Lieutenant – rendezvoused at South Hadley & marched from thence through Brookfield & more into Boston or its vicinity—remained there a few days & then marched to Nantucket where deponent was on the day Independence was declared—July 1776.

That he served out his time at Nantucket & was discharged in November 1776. He does not remember the name of his Colonel but thinks he was under the command of General Lincoln, deponent & his corps arrived in Boston after the British had evacuated it in the spring of 1776.

Secondly. That in the month of May 1777 as he believes, thought he is not certain as to the month he enlisted at Northampton aforesaid for two months in the company of Captain Simeon Clapp. Lieut Spencer Philps, the company met at Northampton & marched to Bennington, Vermont & through New York Skeensboro & down Lake Champlain to Ticonderoga. Was among the troops on the retreat at this time the American Army evacuated Ticonderoga under the direction of General St. Clair heard the report of the guns in the fight at Hubbardstown in which Colonel Warners Regiment suffered severely—Marched back to Bennington & there discharged his time being out. Saw General St. Clair at that occasion.

Thirdly. That in the month of September 1777 he again enlisted for one month under Captain Oliver Lyman (at the same place as before) for a month—Ashel Pomeroy Lieut Seth Hunt, Ensign to go against Burgoyne [Burgoyne] & his army. Met at Northampton & went on to Bennington or [?] & remained there after the battle at that place, passing the battle ground—went from there to Stillwater [?] the [?] at Half Moon & served out his time at Stillwater—Lay near while the battle of Stillwater was going on. Lay about a quarter of a mile off. His Regiment not involved in the battle—served at his time & was discharged at Stillwater.

Fourthly. That at a later period of the war deponent again enlisted at Barnaston in the State of Massachusetts where he then resided for three months

under Capt Oliver Shattuck, Lieut Roman Gove that the company met at Middy Brook where the Captain lived & which he believes to have been in the town of Converse? From there went to Albany—then to Stillwater & then to Saratoga where he served out his time.

That he enlisted in August or July the year of month he cannot state, but he had labored at haying that season before he enlisted.

That he saw General Schuyler examining authority? as such while he so seeing as last aforesaid.

That while so employed as aforesaid the troops were employed in spying & scouting to Moses Creek above Fort Miller in the vicinity of Fort Edward & up Lake George & on one occasion deponent went to assist in the buried of two or three privates & a Corporal, of an army & one of the British who had been killed in a skirmish between scouting parties.

That he saw a man handed at Saratoga, said to be executed as a spy & was one of the [?] on that occasion.

That he was discharged the latter part of October or first of November, cannot state the set time.

Deponent never had any written discharge, of far as he knows or believes it was not usual to give one in the militia service.

That he was born Feb 14, 1760 at Northampton (then) Hampshire County State of Massachusetts. Has no record of his birth & speaks from the information derived from his parents & the neighbors of the family.

That he was called into service as above stated & in the manner therein stated & then resided as there in stated. That since the Revolutionary war he resided in Northampton & went [?] until about the year 1797 when he removed to Hamilton Madison County, New York where he has continued to reside & does still reside.

That he was called into service in the manner herein stated & served as herein after stated.

That he recollect at the time of his service at Barrington that General Stark was a distinguished office & declarant [?] him, but whether he was a Continental or Revolutionary Officers declarant does not know.

That he has as before stated the first [???

That he never received a written discharge, never received a pension having always [????]

And further declarant saith he has no documentary proof further his application never made under written discharge or any commissions—he has [?] the affidavit of Charels Stewart hereto annexed sharing his service for some part of the above stated time & he knows of no other witnesses who can testify to his services.

He hopes to share by [?] by [??] Esquire of Hamilton Madison County & who is a resident in his neighborhood & also by Daniel Wadsworth of the same place that he has a good character for veracity, & that they believe in his statement of his services as a soldier of the Revolution.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, & declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state.  
(Signed) Phineas Alvord.

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid. A.S. Sloan, Clk