

Pension Application for Jonathan Averel (Averill or Avery)

S.2933

Pension amount \$480 per annum, he reapplied under the act of 7th June 1832.

State of New York

Herkimer County SS.

On this Eleventh day of May 1818 before me the subscriber one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas of the County of Herkimer aforesaid personally appears Jonathan Averill aged sixty two years resident of the Town of Warren in the County aforesaid who being by me first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provision made by the late act of Congress entitled "an Act to provide for certain persons engaged in the Land & Naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War." That the said Jonathan enlisted as a Musician in the State of Connecticut in Captain Waterman Clifts (1) Company in the Regiment Commanded by Colonel Holden Parsons in about the month of April in the year 1775 and continued in said company about eight or nine months stationed at Roxsbury and in the year 1776 enlisted in the company commanded by Captain Oliver Coit in Colonel John Elys (2) Regiment as a musician & continued in the said company for the term of eight or nine months during which time he was in the battle of White Plains(3) in the year 1776 and sometime in the month of June in the year 1777 received the appointment of second surgeon on board the brig Resistance commanded by Captain Samuel Chew and on the 27th of January 1778 received the appointment of full surgeon on board of the same Vessel and continued on board the said vessel about twelve months in actual service during which time he was in three severe actions in one of which Captain Chew was killed and sometime in the month of December 1778 he received the appointment of Second Surgeon aboard the Providence Frigate commanded by Abraham Whipple and continued on board the same Vessel being in actual service for about eight or nine months and some time in the month of May received the appointment of second Surgeon on board the Frigate Alliance but never did any duty on board of same Vessel and in the year 1781 received the appointment of first Surgeon on board the Brig Wexford commanded by John Peck Rathburn and continued on board of same vessel about two months when the Vessel was captured & taken by the British and carried into Ireland together with the Crew as prisoners at which time he lost all his papers in which place he remained about three months and then made his escape to Portugal and from thence returned to his native country where he at first enlisted and that he is in reduced circumstances and stand in need of the assistance of his Country and that he has no other evidence now in his power of the said services excepting those two papers annexed hereto. (Signed) Jonathan Averill, Surgeon

Sworn to and declared before me this day & year aforesaid. John Helmer one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in & for Herkimer County

Letter of inquiry dated February 29, 1940, in the pension folder.

The data which follow were taken from papers on file in pension claim S.2933, based on the military and naval service of Jonathan Averel, Averill or Avery (surname written three ways but more often as Averel or Averill).

The date and place of birth of Jonathan Averel and the names of his parents are not shown.

Jonathan Averel enlisted about April, 1775, and served eight or nine months as musician in Captain Waterman Clift's company in Colonel Holden Parsons' Connecticut regiment. He enlisted in 1776 as musician in Captain Oliver Coit's company in colonel John Ely's Connecticut regiment, was in the battle of White Plains and was discharged in October, 1776, having served eight or nine months. Sometime in June, 1777, he received an appointment as second surgeon on board the brig. Resistance, commanded by Captain Samuel Chew and on January 27, 1778 he received appointment of full surgeon on board the same vessel and he served about twelve months on this vessel and was in three severe actions in one of which Captain Chew was killed. Sometime in December, 1778, Jonathan Averel received appointment of second surgeon on board the frigate, Providence, commanded by Abraham Whipple, and served on this vessel until sometime in May, 1779, when he received appointment as second surgeon on board the frigate, Alliance, commanded by Captain Barry, but never did any duty on this vessel. In 1781, he received appointment of first surgeon on board the brig. Wexford, commanded by Captain John Peck Rathburn of Boston. After serving on this vessel about two months it was captured by the British and carried to Cork, Ireland, where Jonathan Averel was held prisoner about three months when he escaped to Vigo, Spain, from which place he returned to America as surgeon on the packet, Gloucester, which was bound for Capt. Ann.

Jonathan Averel was allowed pension on his application executed May 11, 1818, at which time he was sixty two years of age and was living in Warren, Herkimer County, New York.

Jonathan Averel stated in 1820 that his wife was sixty one years of age and also referred to his child aged fourteen years but gave no names.

He died August 16, 1835, in Warren, New York.

His wife did not survive him.

In 1843, Jonathan Averel was survived by the following children, all over twenty one years of age; Statina Mack who was the wife of Warren Mack of Herkimer, New York; Harty Maria Averill of Warren, New York; and Lovett Averill of Warren, New York. In 1853, the soldier's daughter, Frances Lovett Paine, aged forty six, stated that her parents were married December 4, 1783, that they lived in Woodstock (?), Connecticut, for fifty years and that her mother, Ann, died October 13, 1833.

There are no further discernible family data.

End Notes—S.2933—Jonathan Averel

1. Jonathan served in captain Waterman Clifts Company in Colonel Samuel Holden Parsons' Sixth Connecticut Continental Regiment.
2. Captain Oliver Cort and Colonel John Ely possibly of the Connecticut Militia. It appears that Connecticut did not raise Continental Regiments in 1776.
3. The Battle of White Plains, N.Y. was fought on October 28, 1776.