

### **Pension Application for Stephen Bathrick**

W.18556 (Widow: Patty) Daughter of Joseph Ball. Married October 23, 1788. He died at Perry WYK on the Second day of February 1845.

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State of New York

County of Genesee SS.

On this 15<sup>th</sup> day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty two, personally appeared in open Court, before [the] Judge of the Court of of [sic] said County of Genesee, now sitting Stephen Bathrick a resident of Perry in the County of Genesee and State of New York, aged Seventy five 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 7, 1832.

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

In December 1775 after the commencement of the war a Draft was made upon the Militia to go to Dorchester Hill near Boston Mass., to supply the places of the Eight months men whose term of Service had nearly expired, and claimant volunteered his services under Captain Seth Morse of Westborough Mass, first Lieutenant [blank] Sherman, Second Lieutenant [blank] Fasset and marched to Dorchester where he did duty according to the best of his recollection Three months. While in Dorchester our Company did duty with the Eight months men, and those who were enlisted to supply their place.

Gen. Artemas Ward had the Command of the Brigade, and Col Jonathan Ward of our Regiment. The name of the Adjutant was {blank} Heart, who had belonged to the British [British] Army before the war. One of the Captains of the eight months men was Moses Wheelock of Westborough Mass. When we were in Dorchester the British Army lay in Boston, and one [light?] bombs were thrown by them to Luhmon's Point and returned by the Americans without doing much damage to either party. Being in Winters quarters while at Dorchester, our services were mostly confined to doing duty on guard.

In the Spring of 1776 soon after the Brittish Army left—Boston, Claimant volunteered his service in the Company of Militia Commanded by Capt Sherman (who as a Lieutenant in the Company in which he first served), and marched to Fairfield in the State of Connecticut where we staid about one week, and then marched to TarryTown on the North River in the State of New York, where we had our headquarters with the following winter. There were no regular Troops stationed at Tarrytown while we lay there, and but two Regiments of Militia. Col {blank} Denny of Leicester Mass commanded our Regiment, and Col. Dix the other.

While we were at Tarrytown, Three Brittish Men of War lay in the River opposite to us most of the Summer, and frequently fired upon us, but without much effect.

Before the Battle of White Plains a Sloop stuck on a sand bar near Dobbs Ferry, below Tarrytown, and one of the Men of War went down to attack it, and a party of about one hundred men from our Station when down to defend it.

In unloading the Sloop Serjeant [Blank] Smith of Rutland Mass. was drowned. After the sloop was unloaded two long brass eighteen pounders , which Admiral Manley had previously taken from the British were brought to bear upon the Man of War and did it much damage before the crew could tow it away with their boats.

A few days before the Battle of White Plains, Col. Denny ordered his men to destroy all the Military Stores at TarryTown, and also all the Stacks of wheat in the neighbourhood amounting (as was said at the time) to about seven thousand bushels, to prevent their falling into the hands of the enemy who were expect4ed to fall upon us. Before the first had done burning, Gen Sterling rode up and reprimanded the Col. severely for his conduct, who replied that he had his orders for so doing.

At the Battle of White Plains we were marched from TarryTown, and stationed on a Hill in view of action, but our Regiment was no in the engagement. Claimant thinks that the whole time he served in this second campaign was nine or ten months as he did not go home until some time in the Winter after his company were called in service.

That in the spring of 1777 he again volunteered for Three Months in the Militia raised in Mass. but cannot recollect the names of any of the officers, except one Serjeant named Daniel Hardy, because the company was formed of a few from each Town and the officers were not his personal acquaintances.

Our Company was marched to Bennington in the State of Vermont, and spent the Summer there and in the adjacent Country. [county?] We were employed much of the time in Scouting.

After the Three Months had expired he went home to Westborough in the State Massachusetts and staid there but four days when there was another Draft of Militia and he again volunteered and marched again to Bennington Vt., and performed service in that region until Burgoyne surrendered, when the Militia raised near Boston of which he was one were marched to Boston with the prisoners. Thinks in both campaigns this year he did service more than six months.

In the latter part of May 1779 the Militia were called to defend Newport, Rhode Island, and he again volunteered for Three Months and wen tot Warren, and Bristol in Rhode Island. Can not remember the names of the officers. After DeCastings sailed from Newport the British took possession of the Island and our company marched from Warren to Bristol the same day we staid at Bristol but a few days, and then returned to Warren where we did duty in guarding Bristol River, until our term of service expired.

That he never had any writing discharge, but when we were discharged it was done by a verbal communication from the Captain to his company saying we were dismissed.

He knows of no person nearer than Massachusetts, whom he can prove as an evidence of his being in the service of the United States, and does not know positively that any witness of what part are living.

Claimant further states that he was born in the town of Westborough in the County of Worcester in the State of Massachusetts on the 15<sup>th</sup> of ;January A.D. 1757 and has the record of his age in an old Cyphering Book which he used at School when

a boy, and knows that he was born in that year from what his parents told him that time.

That at each time when he was called into service he lived in Westborough aforesaid, where he resided until he was about thirty years of age, when he removed to Litchfield in the county of Herkimer and State of New York, where he lived until October 1822, when he removed to Perry in the County of Genesee and State of New York where he has resided since that time.

He hereby relinquishes 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.

(Signed) Stephen Batrick

Sworn to, and subscribed, the day and year aforesaid in open Court. Timothy Fitch, Clerk.