

Pension Application for Simeon Blin

S.45292

State of New York

Madison County SS.

On this 20th day of April 1818, before me the subscriber one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in and for the said County personally appeared Simeon Blin aged Sixty three years resident in the Town of Eaton in the said county who being by me first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath, make the following declaration in order to obtain the provisions made by the late 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 the said Simeon Blin enlisted in New Concord in the State of New York on or about the 1st of August 1775 in the State of New York in the company by Capt. Joel Pratt of the regiment command by Col. _____ VanSchaick, the number of the Regiment unknown to this applicant that he continued to serve in the service of the United States until about the 14th of January 1776 when he was discharged from service in Albany, State of New York and that afterwards the said Simeon Blin enlisted on the 1st day of April 1776 in New Concord in the state aforesaid in the company commanded by Theodore Woodbridge of the Regiment commanded by Col. Samuel Elmore of the Connecticut Line the number of the Regiment unknown to this applicant that he continued to serve in the service of the United States until the 20th of April 1777 when he was discharged from service at Fort Stanwicks now called Rome in said state—afterwards served a number of campaigns at different times in the war from one month to three months.—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 of his said services.

I David Gaston One of the Judges of the Court of Com. Pleas in and for the County of Madison as aforesaid do certify that it appears to my satisfaction that the said Simeon Blin did serve in the revolutionary war as stated in the preceding declaration against the common enemy and I now transmit the proceedings and testimony taken and had before me to the secretary for the department of war pursuant to the directions of the aforementioned Act of Congress [Eaton?] (Madison County State of New York) the 20th April 1818. The foregoing declaration sworn to and declared before me the day and year aforesaid. David Gaston, Judge.

Letter in folder dated October 18, 1924, written in response to an inquiry.

I have to advise you that the Revolutionary War records of this Bureau fail to afford any information in regard to a Gershom Blinn and you are herewith furnished the history of the only Simeon Blin found on said records. All spellings of that name have been searched.

From the papers in the Revolutionary War pension claim, S.45292, it appears that Simeon Blin enlisted at New Concord, New York, August 1, 1775 and served until January 14, 1776, as a private in Captain Joel Pratt's Company, Colonel VanSchaick's New York Regiment. He again enlisted at New Concord, New York, April 1, 1776, and served until April 20, 1777, in Captain Theodore Woodbridge's Company, Colonel Samuel Elmore's Connecticut Regiment. He also served on several short tours, no details given.

He was allowed pension on his application executed April 20, 1818, while living at Eaton, Madison County, New York, at which time he was 63 years old.

In 1820 he stated that his family consisted of a boy, aged 17 years, and a girl, aged 22 years, but did not state their names or relationship.