

Pension Application for Samuel Bliss

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State of Vermont
Orange County SS.

At Strafford in said County on this 21st day of September A.D. 1832, personally appeared before Daniel Cobb, Assistant Judge the Court of said Orange County being a Court of Record Samuel Bliss a resident of Strafford in the County of Orange and State of Vermont aged 78 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 & served as herein stated.

He enlisted in the month of October 1775 at Kent in the State of Connecticut for the term of one year into the company commanded by Capt. Curtis, Hill & Clark Lieutenants. Bissell Ensign—Gibbs & Curtis Sergeants from thence marched directly to Albany New York where he remained a short time from thence to Fort George where he arrived in the fore part of the winter 1775 & joined a regiment commanded by Col. VanDyke as he understood – Garnsvort Lt. Col. here he drew his arms & clothing—deerskin breeches, chequered him shirts &c & here he remained till June on guard & fatigue, where he was ordered to Fort Ticonderoga, where he arrived & was soon after taken sick, had a furlough for fourteen days, left the fort, was absent about one month on account of his sickness, he returned to the fort & brot with him a certificate of his physician certifying to his sickness, which was taken to his officers. Hill was now his captain, the small pox primarily in the fort he was sent to the hospital to take care of the sick—soon after his return to the fort he received a sergeants warrant signed by Maj. Curtis his former Capt. the warrant he sent about nine years ago to the war office with other papers. His term of service expired here, but there being only part of a regiment fit for duty in the fort & many sick soldiers, his Maj & Capt. requested him to stay two months longer which he agreed to & did remain in the army two months after his years service expired—part of the regiment which he belonged were at Saratoga & later in the fall he left Fort George & went to Saratoga where he latter part of Decr 1776 he was discharged & went to Stafford Vermont where his father had moved after the latter part of Decr 1776 he was discharged & went to Strafford Vermont where his father had moved after he entered the service—He was born in Hebron Ct 1754, Feb 13th O.S. He has no record of his age—was living in Kent in the State of Connecticut where he enlisted. Since the revolutionary War he has lived in Strafford & Compton Lower Canada, Harthord [?] & Strafford Vermont where he now lives he volunteered in the service was not [fold in document] the names of the following officers which he saw when in the service in addition to those above stated, Col. Spoor from N.H., Gen. Schuyler, Capt. Creig of the Pennsylvania troops he never saw Col. VanDyke—he received a written discharge from Maj Curtis but has lost it. He is known to Stephen Morrell Esq., Col. Asabel Chamberlain, Jos. Norton, Samuel Heyward, Ira Pennock & others in his neighborhood who can testify to his character for veracity & their belief of his services as a soldier of the revolution.

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) Samuel Bliss

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid. Daniel Cobb, Judge of Orange County Court & Jus. Peace exofficio