

Pension Application for Samuel Blowers

S.12245

State of New York and County of Montgomery

On this 19 day of September personally appeared in open court before Aaron Haring, John Hone, Samuel A. Gilbert the court of common pleas of the County of Montgomery now sitting Samuel Blowers a resident of the town of Mayfield county of Montgomery and State of New York aged seventy one 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 7th 1832.

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

He entered the service in the militia voluntarily at the age of sixteen years and was attached to a company commanded by lieutenant Gesham Woodworth and joined the army on the 10th day of September in the year 1778 which was then lying at Parmertown in the county of Saratoga in the Saratoga in the State of New York he does not remember the names of the other officers and was on duty only two weeks when the company to which he belonged was discharged, he resided at the time he entered the service in the then district of Cambridge in the County of Washington in the State of New York near the place where the Hessian breast work was thrown up previous to the battle of Bennington, he has no documentary evidence nor does he know of any living witness by whom he can prove this tour of service.

He next entered the service in the militia voluntarily at Whitehall on the 1st day of March in the year 1780 and was joined to a company commanded by lieutenant William Powel and ensign Henry Laupe one of the serjants names was Robert Thomas the other under officers names he cannot recollect, this company lay at Whitehall for the purpose of watching the enemy on the lakes he was in this tour of duty not quite three weeks when relief arrived and he was discharged and returned home to Cambridge the place of his residence he has no documentary evidence of this tour of service nor does he know of any living witness by whom he can prove it.

In the year 1780 about the 15th day of July he entered the service in the garrison of Fort Ann in the county of Washington voluntarily and was attached to a company commanded by Captain Dial Sherwood lieutenants Ezekiel Roberts and Seth Baldwin (no ensign) serjants Samuel Gates and Daniel Earles. This company belonged to Colonel Moris Graham's regiment called New York levies. He remained in the garrison at fort Ann until the 10th day of October when the place was invested by about nine hundred British Indians and Tories under the command of Major Carlton the fort capitulated and the garrison surrendered as prisoners of war.

From Fort Ann he was taken together with the rest of the prisoners to Glens Falls where they staid one night from thence to Fort George at the head of Lake George which was also taken by the British in Fort George they lodged one night and staid til noon on the 12th day of October they were then taken along the west side of Lake George and lodged one night opposite Diamond Island from thence through the wilderness to Ticonderoga where they arrived on the fourth day after they left Fort George they lodged one night at Ticonderoga and ware [were] the next day taken to Crownpoint where they ware kept two days from Crownpoint they ware taken to a small Island in Lake Champlain called Millers by Island where they remained til about midnight when they ware taken off by the British gunboats and conveyed to the Isle a Nore and Isle Aux Noux from thence to Fort St. John in Caneday where they ware kept one night in an old leaky hull of a vessel without fire.

From St. Johns they ware taken to Chamblies and thence to Grants Island opposite Montreal where they arrived on the 23 day of October and remained about three weeks. They ware then confined in a loathsome prison about one mile beloved Montreal where they remained where they remained suffering extremely from want of provision necessary cloths [clothes] and fuel til the 3rd day of October 1781.

From this place he and a part of the other prisoners were taken up the river St. Lawrence to a small island in the river called Catadelack where he remained in a picketing closely guarded til the 10th day of may 1782 on that day he was taken to [?] (for the purpose of being exchanged) from thence he was taken across Lake Champlain in a sloop called the Victualler and landed at Bason Harbor in the State of New York on the 22nd day of May from Bason Harbor he was conveyed (together with other prisoners) by the British in open boats to White Hall were he was discharged he then left White Hall (subsisting on charity) and traveled to his place of residence in Cambridge where he arrived about the middle of June having been absent one year and eleven months. He then reported himself to the proper authorities and after an examination of the subject was promptly paid for the term of his service and captivity.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatsoever 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 Blowers.

Sworn and subscribed the day and year aforesaid in open court. Geo. D. Ferguson, Clerk.

Letter in folder dated July 21, 1931, written in response to an inquiry.

You are advised that it appears from the papers in the Revolutionary War pension claim, S.12245, that Samuel Blowers was born September 17, 1761 in Poundwell, Vermont.

While a resident of Cambridge, Washington County, New York, he enlisted and served with the New York Troops as follows—From September 10, 1778, two weeks as private in Lieutenant Gesham Woodworth's Company; from March 1, 1780, three weeks in Lieutenant William Powel's Company; from July 15, 1780 until taken prisoner, October 10, 1780, at Fort Ann and confined in prisons in various places, until late in May 1782, when he was discharged at White Hall and returned to his home in Cambridge, about the middle of June.

He moved from Washington County, New York to Pittstown, Rensselaer County, New York, thence to Montgomery County, New York, where he lived at Northampton and Mayfield.

He was allowed pension on his application executed September 19, 1832, while living at Mayfield, New York.

He died March 3, 1853.