

Pension Application for Gideon Burdick

S.3107

State of New York

County of Chautauqua

On this 12 day of October 1832 personally appeared before the Court of Common Pleas of the County of Chautauqua, Gideon Burdick a resident of the town of Busti in the County of Chautauqua and State of New York, aged seventy 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 provision made by the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

That he enlisted in the Army of the United States in the year 1780 with Guislbart Ousterhout, Jacob Hollenbeck, Barent Dubois & some others whose names are not recollected and served in the second Regiment of the New York line, under the following named officers: Philip Courtlandt Col., Lt. Col. name not recollected, Nicholas Fish Major, Jacob Wright Captain, Lieut & Ensigns names not recollected, _____ Leicester first Sergt. _____ Keyon 2d Sergt. That he resided at Catskill on the Hudson River, State of New York, when he entered the service under an officer whose rank he does not know thinks a captain by the name of Dubois and was sent by Capt Dubois from Catskill to Fishkill on board a vessel where he was landed, and from thence marched to West Point under the command of a Sergeant.

That while he was at West Point he was engaged in removing cannon from Fort Putnam down to the ferry at the foot of the hill by the direction of Gen. Arnold. That from the time he entered he service under Capt. Dubois at Catskill and the time when he enlisted into the Army was about two weeks. His enlistment into the army was at West Point under an officer whose name was Delevan, for the term of three months, and marched direct to Dobb's Ferry below West Point, where he joined the Army under the officers before stated.

That the Army soon after marched from Dobb's Ferry to Orangetown New Jersey, that while the Army lay at Orangetown information came of the treason of Gen. Arnold and he understood that some regiments marched immediately toward West Point, that Col. Courtlandt's Regiment remained that he saw Major Andre executed—that the army lay at Orangetown a short time after, when it marched to New Winsor [Windsor] where preparations were made for winter quarters—that he was discharged at New Winsor about the last of October or first of November of that year and returned home to Catskill, he received a written discharge which was given him by Teunis VanWagonnen, but which he does not know what has become of it.

That in April 1781, he enlisted at Catskill for the term of nine months under Capt. Philip Conyne, Peter Gansevoort Col., as he understood, the field officers he does not know, as the company lay at the black house near Catskill during his service and never was with the Regiment—that his first Lieut. name [was] Peter VanBarger, 2d Lieut Isaac VanValkenburgh, Ensign not recollected, first Sergeant John Overpoth—Corporal Frederick Diedrick.

That the service in which the company was engaged was building a Block House, on one Salisbury land where the company lay, scouting & keeping guard—that some of their scouting excursions were to Dices Manor, Hockatook, [Patamoia?] over the blue mountains, Bowry where a Mr. Strobe & his wife were killed by the Indians—That they followed the Indians who had taken Capt. David DeBail & his son, near Catskill, to Patamoia over the mountains.

That he & one Frederick Diedrick were sent after two men who deserted from the Company to near Fishkill, to Col. VanDeburgh, & were absent from the company about one week, Levi Odell & Abirtha Odell were the names of the deserters—that Col. VanDeBurgh made search with his regiment but there were not found—that at the expiration of his term of enlistment he was discharged at the Block House about the first of January 1782.

That this deponent soon after the act of Congress was passed in 1818, made an application before Judge Lindsay of Athens County, Ohio, but from his inability to procure proof, he thinks his papers were never forwarded to the War Department.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity except the present and he declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency in any state. (Signed) Gideon Burdick
Sworn to & subscribed the day and year aforesaid. James B. Lowry, Clk

Letter in file dated May 24, 1928, written in response to an inquiry.

I advise you that from the papers in the Revolutionary War pension claim, S.3107, it appears that Gideon Burdick was born November 6, 1762 in Hopkinton, Rhode Island.

While residing at Catskill on the Hudson River, in what was later Greene County, New York, he enlisted in 1780 and served two weeks under Captain DuBois and three months under an officer named Delevan (rank not stated) in the New York troops, then re-enlisted and served as private in Captain Jacob Wright's Company, Colonel Philip VanCortlandt's Second New York Regiment and was discharged about November 1, 1780, length of service not stated; he witnessed the execution of Major Andre.

He enlisted in April 1781, served as private in Captain Philip Conyne's New York Company, Peter Gansevoort was Brigadier Genl of the 7th NY Mil., Col. Willett Colonel, Lt. Col. VanRenssalaer, and was discharged about January 1, 1782.

After the Revolution he lived several years in Catskill, New York after which he lived consecutively in Canajoharie, Montgomery County, New York; Chenang County, New York; Batavia, Genesee County, New York; Athens County, Ohio; Ellery, Chautauqua County, New York, Busti, Chautauqua County, New York.

He was allowed pension on his application executed October 12, 1832 while a resident of Busti, New York.

In 1836 he had moved from there to Ohio (to Geauga County or near it) to be with his children who had settled there, no names given. One Hiram Winter of Geauga County, Ohio stated in 1836 that he was well acquainted with the soldier, but did not say he was related.

Soldier died in April 1846 in Quincy, Illinois. His widow Jane to whom he was married in 1814, was living in Quincy, Illinois, in 1847. Her maiden name is not given.

There are no further data on file as to family.