

Pension Application for William Butts

W.16876 (Widow: Rachel)

Declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress of June 7, 1832.

Form for State Troops &c Regulars.

State of New York

County of Rensselaer City of Troy SS.

On this seventh day of August 1832 personally appeared in open court, before the Judges of the Troy Mayor's Court, now sitting, William Butts, a resident of Sand Lake county of Rensselaer and State of New York aged seventy seven years, who being first 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.

That in the month of November in the year 1775, he volunteered as a sergeant in the company of militia commanded by Captain James Briggs of Dyton & Lieut Tompkins of [Sonate?] both in Massachusetts for three months, that emmediately [immediately] after his inlistment he was marched [to] Rosebury near the City of Boston where he remained until he was discharged by Colonel Bayley to whose Regiment he belonged after having served three months.

That in December the year 1776, he again volunteered as an orderly Sergeant for three months in the company commanded by Capt. Joseph Durfee of Freetown & Lieutenant John Read of Smarsy, both in Massachusetts in Colonel Winston's Regiment—immediately marched to Toverton in Rhodeisland where we remained at Howland's ferry until the time of inlistment expired and was then discharged by Colonel Winslow.

That in May 1777 again volunteered as an orderly Sergeant for three months under Captain Oliver Read of Freetown & Lieutenant John Read of Smarsy in Massachusetts in Col. Winslow's Regiment – marched again to Siverton in Rohodeisland and remained at Howlands ferry until the three months expired, when I was discharged by Col. Winslow.

That in the months of May or June 1779 at the County of Dutchess and State of New York I again volunteered in a company under the command of Captain Josiah Gale in Col. Hopkins Regiment for three months to range the country to take up tories and prevent the country from presenting a scene of [?] and murder from their secret incursions, remained so employed for three months and was then discharged by Captain Gale.

That in the month of March 1782, then of Dutchess County, again volunteered to join the New York line of Continental troops for nine months. That we went ton Fishkill Village in the State of New York where we were mustered and joined the Regiment, commanded by Colonel Weisenfeldt, and company commanded by Captain Gilbert J. Livingston, the company was marched from Fishkill to Marbletown & remained there till August in the same year & remained there until we were ordered to march to Warsaw, Warsinck & Lackawack in New York where we remained until ordered back to Marbletown where we remained until the time of inlistment had expired when I was discharged by Colonel Weisenfells, that the several discharges have [been] long since lost.

That he was born the 20 June 1755 as appeared from the record of his age which he recollects was in his fathers family—at Sivertown in the State of Rhodeisland lived there and at Freetown in Massachusetts until the time he first volunteered in 1775. His [he] removed from Freetown to Dutchess County in New York in 1779, where he resided until he moved to Sand Lake in the County of Rensselaer where he has resided for more than forty years.

That he is well known to William Silter, Thomas Thompson, Alderman Baker of Sand Lake & many other aged persons who can testify to deponent's character for truth & veracity & their belief of his services as a soldier of the revolution.

Has no documentary evidence of his services—

And that he knows of no living witness who can prove his services except as the same is provided by Captain Gilbert J. Livingston in the affidavit hereto annexed.

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 the agency of any state. (Signed) William Butts
Sworn & subscribed in open court. Archibald Bull, Clerk

Letter in folder dated December 3, 1925, written in response to an inquiry.

I have to advise you, that from the papers in Revolutionary War pension claim, W.16876, it appears that William Butts, while residing at Freetown, Massachusetts, enlisted in November 1775 and served three months as a Sergeant in Captain James Briggs' Company, Colonel Bayley's Massachusetts Regiment. He enlisted in December 1776 and served three months as Orderly Sergeant in Captain Joseph Durfee's Company, Colonel Winslow's Massachusetts Regiment. He enlisted in May 1777 and served three months as Orderly Sergeant in Captain Oliver Read's Company, Colonel Winslow's Massachusetts Regiment.

In 1779, he moved from Freetown, Massachusetts, to Dutchess County, New York and in May, or June 1779, there enlisted and served three months in Captain Josiah Gales' Company, Colonel Hopkins' New York Regiment. He enlisted in March 1782, and served nine months as a Corporal in Captain Gilbert I. Livingston's Company, Colonel Frederick Weisenfels' New York Regiment.

He was allowed pension on his application executed August 7, 1832, while residing at Sand Lake, Rensselaer County, New York, and he died at Barre, Orleans County, New York, April 20, 1841.

He married at Amenia, Dutchess County, New York, in May 1779, Rachel, whose maiden name is not stated. She was allowed pension on her application executed September 22, 1841, while residing in Gaines, Orleans County, New York, and she then stated that she had had nine children the oldest Gideon and the second William D.

The family record shows as follows: relationships not stated thereon.

Gideon Butts, born at Dartmouth, Massachusetts, September 24, 1729.

Elizabeth Butts, born at Swansey, Massachusetts, October 23, 1735.

William Butts, born at Tiverton, Rhode Island, June 20, 1755.

Rachel Butts, born at Stanwich, Connecticut, November 25, 1763.

Gideon Butts, born February 8, 1780.

William D. Butts, born November 24 or 25, 1781.

Maranda Butts, also recorded as Maranda King, born August 23, 1783.

Lewis Butts, born May 1, 1785.

Lockwood Butts, born October 18, 1787.

Leonard Butts, born September 27, 1789, died April 4, 1790.

Betsey Butts, also recorded as Betsey King, born April 13, 1791, or April 13, 1790.

Awrey Butts, born January 26, 1791 or 1793.

Rachel Butts, born December 18, 1795, died January 26, 1796.

Charlotte Butts, also recorded as Charlotte Garrison, born April 22, or 23, 1798.

Alderman Butts born February 2, 1800.

Lorenzo D. Butts born March 17, 1816.

Maranda Butts, born March 24, 1815.

Aunt Hannah Lockwood born August 1756.