

Pension Application for Abner Carswell

S.12460

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

State of New York, Washington County SS.

Be it remembered, that on this 28th day of August in the year 1832, personally appeared in open Court before John Willard Esqr, first Judge of the Court of Common Pleas of the said County of Washington and Charles F. Ingalls & Benjamin F. Skinner Esqrs, Judges of the said Court now sitting Abner Carswell a resident of the Town of Salem, in said County and State, aged Seventy seven 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 stated viz.

That about the first of July 1776 he enlisted in the Town of Colrain in the State of Massachusetts as a private soldier for five months in Capt. Childs company; Col. Woodbridge's Regiment and Genl Brackets Brigade—

That he immediately marched to Ticonderoga in the State of New York where he remained in actual service until the first of December thereafter. That during the five months he was in service at Ticonderoga Genl Gates had the command.

That in August 1777 he was ordered into service again by Capt. Hugh McClelland, Col. Wells Regiment and was marched from said Town of Colrain to the Town of Bennington in the State of Vermont at the Bennington Battle, so called. That Genl Stark commanded and that he was then in service one week—when he returned home to said Town of Colrain.

That about the 1st Sept 1777 he was ordered out again by s'd Capt. McClelland in s'd Wells Regiment and was marched from s'd Town of Colrain to Stillwater in the State of New York under the command of said Capt. McClelland and in s'd Col. Wells Regiment; that he was in the battle at the taking of Genl Burgoyne at Saratoga. That Genl Gates commanded the American Army and that he remained in actual service at that time as a soldier for five weeks.

That in the month of March 1779 he together with his Father and family moved from said Town of Colrain into the Town of Salem in the County of Washington & State of New York—That at that time the said Town of Salem & County of Washington were on the frontier and the Militia of said Town who were few in number were kept under arms the principal part of the time until the close of the war—That he was repeatedly ordered into service and actually went and served in the Militia on the behalf of the United States as a soldier upon the frontier during the year 1779, more than two months six weeks of which time he was stationed at WhiteHall then called Skeenesboro in said County & State. That he was then under the command of a Capt. Stockwell.

That in March 1780 he was ordered into the service of the United States as a soldier in the New York Militia under Capt. Lang and marched to Fort Edward in said County and from thence to Fort George where he staid one week. That Col. Warner then commanded at Fort George—That during the said year 1780 he was repeatedly ordered out in the Militia, upon alarms, and actually served on the lines as a soldier under s'd Capt. Long for four weeks.

That in July 1780 he enlisted as a soldier into Capt. Sherwoods company to fill up the Continental line of the New York State troops, and was stationed at Fort Ann in said County of Washington until the 10th of October thereafter, when the Fort was taken by the British, that s'd Sherwood had the command of said Fort.—

That immediately thereafter, he entered into Capt. Long's Company of Militia where he served as a Militia man until the 20th Nov'r 1780—

That in the year 1781 and 1782 he was in actual service as a soldier in the militia under s'd Long and in Col. Webster's Regiment of the New York Militia for more than six months; that during said term

his duties consisted in guarding the Frontier in marching on scouting parties and in defending the Inhabitants from British, Indians and Tories—

That he did actually serve the United States in the War of the Revolution as a soldier in the Militia twenty three months & more and which said services an above specified.

That he has no discharge, that he cannot to, he knowledge procure any witness to prove the said declaration—is known in his neighborhood and by Doct'r Proudfit, Judge Blanchard and others.

And 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) Abner Carswell
Sworn and subscribed the day and year aforesaid. J.S. Leigh Clk