

### **Pension Application for Gideon Castle**

W.16526 (Widow: Abigail) Married June 23, 1772 by the Presbyterian Minister, Dean, in the Town of Spencertown. Gideon died June 9, 1836.

State of New York  
Cortland County SS.

On this 27<sup>th</sup> day of September A.D. 1833 personally appeared in open court before the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas & county courts now sitting Gideon Castle a resident of the Town of Freetown in said county & State aged eighty nine years (89)—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<sup>th</sup> 1832.

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

1776. That in the year 1776 on the 28<sup>th</sup> day of October at the time of the battle at White Plains applicant was called out in the service under Colonel Sutherland of the New York State Militia and served one month in the Army. That he marched from Amenia County of Dutchess & State aforesaid—that after the surrender of Fort Washington and the evacuation of Fort Lee he returned and was engaged in removing stores at Poughkeepsie at least one week.

1777. In April 1777—Applicant enlisted as minute man in the service of the United States in Col. Sutherlands Regiment at Amenia aforesaid was called out & was at the burning of Danbury continued in the service at least three months. Marched from Danbury to Peekskill thence to West Point & thence to Fishkill to guard some stores—dismissed at Fishkill & returned home thinks sometime in July following. In the company at Danbury of Captain Daniel Shephard, Elijah Parks Lieutenant. 2d Lieut Paul Johnson. Sometime in the month of August AD 1777 applicant was again called out under Col. Sutherland to go & defend Fort Montgomery where within five miles of the fort met a party & a retreat was ordered. Thence marched back to Peekskill and watched the movements of the enemy stayed there about a week. Then marched to Fishkill and guarded the stores then crossed over the river to Newburgh & staid until the enemy sailed up the river, then marched to Marbletown to guard the [?], thence to Hurley & to Esopus & then again to Hurley. While at Hurley the enemy passed down the river. We then marched to Fishkill having continued in the service at least two months and were dismissed. While at Hurley we took a spy by the name of Taylor & he was hung there at Hurley.

1780. At the time Major Andre was taken all of Colonel Hopkins Regiment was called out—applicant was then out in the regiment and continued in the service at least one month in Col. Hopkins Regt Maj. Chamberlain—in Capt. Shepherds company. Soon after was engaged with others for two months longer in guarding the stores upon the North River and in conveying supplies.

At the time of the descent of the enemy upon New Haven & Norwalk was again called out to guard the [?] at Peekskill & Fishkill & continued in the service at least six weeks under the last above named officers.

1781. In August 1781 when Genl Washington & the French marched to take Cornwallis I was called out in Col. Hopkins Regt and marched to Fishkill & Peekskill and was preparing to march to New York while there heard of the capture of Cornwallis and received a discharge having been in the service at least two months—In the same company & Regt as last above mentioned.

The following are the answers to the Interrogatories of the court.

1<sup>st</sup>. Applicant was born in the year 1744 at Woodbury, Litchfield County & State of Connecticut.

2d. The record of his age is in his Father's will & in his Bible.

3d. Served in Amenia Dutchess County & State of New York when called into the service and lived there till 10 years since. Then removed to the Town of Cincinnatus (now Freetown) where he still resides.

4<sup>th</sup>. Was both Drafted & Enlisted at different times.

5. Names of Officers—Col. Sutherland, Hopkins, Chamberlain & Dubois, Capt. Shephard.  
6<sup>th</sup>. Never received other than a verbal discharge.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present & declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state. (Signed) Gideon Castle.

Sworn to & Subscribed the day & year aforesaid. Saml Hotchkiss, Jr. Clk

Letter in folder dated January 21, 1815.

In addition to the military history of Gideon Castle, W. File No. 16,526, Rev. War, you are furnished the following family data from the papers on file.

Gideon Jr. born January 21, 1774, married March 1794, died April 26, 1814.

Marenda born December 18, 1775, married Sept. 1794, died March 25, 1815.

Lucy born April 24, 1778, married March 4, 1799----Herrick.

Elijah born August 17, 1780, married march 17, 1804.

Joseph born January 27, 1783, married Jan. 27, 1807, died June 29, 1816.

Abigail born January 16, 1786, married Sept. 5, 1803, died December 30, 1832.

William born June 12, 1788, married September 9, 1810.

Richard born July 29, 1790, died June 18, 1804.

Moses born May 18, 1793, married February 10, 1813.

The names of person to whom married are not stated except in the case of the daughter Lucy.