

### **Pension Application for Sylvanus Chadwick**

R.13093 Susannah Spear—Former widow. Susannah married Sylvanus in Norwich on the twenty seventh day of April AD 1823 by Abraham Loveland a Justice of the Peace. Her name before marriage was Susannah Gardner. Sylvanus died in Norwich on the 4<sup>th</sup> day of November 1837. She married Ebenezer Spears in Norwich in May 1842. Ebenezer died in the town of Hartland, State of Vermont September 7, 1860.

Elisha Huntley of Marlow in the county of Cheshire and State of New Hampshire, a justice of the Court of Common Pleas for said County of Cheshire.

To the Honorable J.C. Calhoun, Secretary of the Department of War of the United States, sit Sylvanus Chadwick of Plainfield in the said County of Cheshire having on the eighth day of April instant applied to me the said Justice and made the declarations under oath, which is here unto annexed and submitted to me the other evidence also annexed it appears to me the said Justice that the said Sylvanus Chadwick has satisfactorily proved that he did serve in the Revolutionary War for the term of time in said declaration mentioned as a private soldier against the Common Enemy of the United States it also appears to me the said Justice that the said Sylvanus Chadwick by Reason of his Reduced Circumstances in life is in need of assistance from his country for support [?] at Cornish in said county of Cheshire this eighth day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighteen. Elisha Huntley, one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas for said County.

I Sylvanus Chadwick of Plainfield in the County of Cheshire and State of New Hampshire declare make oath and say that in May in the year or our [Lord] said one thousand seven hundred and seventy seven I belonged in Spencertown in the State of New York and in that month at Albany in the said State I inlisted [enlisted] for three years under Captain Aaron Orson of Col. Gansvorth's [Gansevoort] Regiment of the New York troops in the Continental Army. Said Regiment the deponent thinks was called the seventh.

I joined the Regiment at Fort Stanwicks and continued there with said Regiment two years and continued afterwards with said regiment till the expiration of the time for which I inlisted which was three years—I was discharged in Schenectady in the State of New York in the month of June in the year of our Lord 1780—My discharge was signed by Col. Willet a Lieut. Col. [??] Regiment—But that discharge I have lost.

I afterwards inlisted at New London in the State of Connecticut for nine months under Captain Hall of what regiment this deponent cannot now say but thinks it was Col. Parsons's of Connecticut & served in said New London as a guard. I inlisted this last time in the spring of 1781 & continued in the service till I was taken in August of that year at P[?] Island.

I further say that I am very poor and from my reduced circumstances I have need of assistance from my country for support. (Signed with his mark) Sylvanus Chadwick

Letter in folder dated September 21, 1928, written in response to an inquiry.

I have to advise you that from the papers in the Revolutionary War pension claim, R.13093 it appears that Sylvanus Chadwick, while a resident of Plainfield, Cheshire County, New Hampshire aged sixty-one years, applied for pension April 18, 1818 and stated that he enlisted in May 1777, served as a private in Captain Aaron Aorson's Company, Colonel Peter Gansevoort's New York Regiment and was discharged in June 1780, also that he served from the spring of 1781 until in August 1781 in Captain Hall's company, Colonel Parsons' Connecticut Regiment.

His claim was allowed. He died November 4, 1837 in Norwich, Windsor County, Vermont.

In 1820 soldier referred to his wife then living with him, aged forty-two years. Her name and date of her death not stated. He married April 27, 1823 in Norwich, Vermont, Susannah Gardner (he

then of Lebanon, New Hampshire and she of said Norwich). She again married in May 1842 in Norwich, Vermont, Ebenezer Spear who died September 7, 1860 in Hartland, Vermont.

Susannah Spear applied for pension April 10, 1861, aged fifty-eight years, on account of the services of her former husband, Sylvanus Chadwick. She was the living in Norwich Vermont with Joseph and Martha S. Chadwick, relationship not stated.

Her claim was not allowed as a re-examination of the soldier's claim, with the rolls of Captain Aorson's Company, Colonel Gansevoort's New York Regiment, disclosed that he enlisted July 5, 1777 and deserted April 22, 1779, therefore his pension.