

## **Pension Application for Sylvester Crandal**

S.19264

State of Vermont

Chittenden County SS

On this second day of January A.D. 1834 personally appeared in open court before the Supreme Court of Judicature now sitting at Burlington within and for the County of Chittenden and the State of Vermont, Sylvester Crandall of Westford in the County and State aforesaid aged eighty one 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 7<sup>th</sup> 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers, and served as hereinafter stated.

I was born in the town of Westerly (now) State of Rhode Island on the 7<sup>th</sup> day of December 1752 and a record of my age recorded in the office of the town clerk of said Westerly as I believe, as I have formerly seen the record thereof in said office now more than forty years since—as my father was at that time town clerk of said Westerly.—

I removed from Westerly to Groton Connecticut, when about twenty years of age—where I resided about one and a half years—and from thence I removed to Guilford Vermont where I resided about thirty years—from thence I removed to Westford in the State of Vermont, from thence I removed to Plymouth N.Y.—and subsequently returned to said Westford where I now reside, and have resided for the last nine years.

I enlisted into Capt. Ichabod Dexter Comp'y of Rangers—Col. Woodbridge's Regiment, Massachusetts troops in Guildford in the early part of the month of May 1775—for the term of eight months, and went into immediate service in acquiring a knowledge of military tactics, as soon as the company was full we marched directly to Cambridge Massachusetts where we arrived on the day of the battle at Bunker Hill though not in season to be engaged in the battle—the battle was over before we arrived.

I continued with the company stationed at Lechemere Point in Cambridge—during the whole time for which I enlisted (with the exception of the time spent at Guilford where I enlisted) being full eight months—where I was discharged in writing I think by Col. Woodbridge—which discharge has long since been either lost or destroyed—while at Lechemere's Point—when the British took the cattle of the American citizens there—I was engaged in a skirmish with the British, after my discharge in January 1776.

I returned home to Guilford, and remained there until the month of September following—early in the month of September 1776—I again enlisted at Guilford for two months in the company commanded by Capt. Hugh McLellan in Col. Mosely's regiment and Genl Benj'a Lincoln's brigade, we marched immediately to Hartford Ct. thence to New Haven Ct. thence to New York and was stationed about a mile from Kingsbridge—a few miles from this place—viz at Frog's Point (so called) was in a battle

with the British who had been there about 48 hours—and were driving from their station soon after the commencement of the battle—

I was discharged at North Castle New York a few miles north of the White Plains in November 1776 after having served out the full time for which I enlisted—viz—two months—Col Mosely gave me a discharge—which discharge has been either lost or destroyed—I again returned home to Guilford—where I continued to reside until the month of May 1777—

Early in the month of May 1777—I enlisted into Capt. Elijah Herrick's Company—Col. Graham's Regiment New York Line under Gen. Geo. Clinton's brigade for the term of three months—marched from Guilford through a corner of Massachusetts to a place in the State of New York then called the oblongs, thence to a place called the nine partners—so called as I am informed—from the fact that the land was purchased by nine persons—for the purpose of taking a parcel of Tory's assembled there—we succeeded in taking forty or fifty prisoners—one tory by the name of Isaac Spear was killed—and the remainder were dispersed—

Then we went to Fort Independence four miles south of fort Montgomery after having been in the fort nearly two months, I was taken sick and 8 or 10 days before my term of service before my term of service expired. I received a furlough from Capt. Herrick on account of my sickness which extended till after my term of service expired, and left the army about the first of August 1777—

In which last term of service I served full three months—with the exception of the days—not exceeding ten—when I left the effort on furlough as before stated and in all the said service I served full 13 months excepting the ten days before excepted—and if I am allowed the time spent in returning home after the said terms of service had expired the full time will not be less than fourteen months in all.

In addition to the names of the officers of the United States Army under where I served as before stated I remember Capt. Murray, Capt Draper—Maj'r Goodenough — Lieut Goodenough & Lieut Maj'r Col. Cortlandt.

I have no documentary evidence to establish the facts above stated—neither do I know of any living witness by whom I can prove the same, or any part of them.

The names of persons to whom I am known in the vicinity where I live and who will testify as to my character for veracity and as to their belief of my services as a Revolutionary Soldier are (among others) The Rev. Simeon Parmalee—William Weaver and Aaron Howe—

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) Sylvester Crandal

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid. Before Nathan B. Maxwell, Clerk