

Pension Application for Shubel or Shubael Dimmick

S.16763

Declaration of Shubel Dimmick.

In order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress of the 7th of June 1832.

State of New York

County of Delaware SS

On this 5th day of July 1833 personally appeared before me Martin Keelers one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in and for the County of Delaware it being a Court of Records.

Shubul Dimmick a resident of the town of Middletown in the County of Delaware and State of New York aged eighty one years in October next who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by 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.

I entered the service of the United States on the last of May or first of June in the year 1776 under a draft in a company of militia belonging to the New York Militia and the Company to which I belonged was commanded by Captain Joshua Barnham or Barnum and Lieutenant Elijah Townsend I was drafted in the town of Frederickstown in the County of Dutchess and State of New York where I then resided and there and there first rendezvoused and joined the Company under the aforesaid officers and marched immediately to a place called Peekskill and from there to Fort Montgomery and was stationed at that fort for six months under the command of Colonel James Clinton who was afterwards General James Clinton during which time I was employed in garrison duty except five days when I was employed with other in assisting General Washington's Army in crossing the Hudson river near a place called Croton River from there we returned to Fort Montgomery and remained there until December and after a service of six months I was discharged and returned to Frederickstown this service was done as a private soldier.

I again volunteered in the militia sometime in the spring of the year 1777 as a sergeant in a company commanded by Captain Joel Mead at Frederickstown in a Regiment commanded by Colonel Ludington and rendezvoused at Frederickstown and Peekskill and was there at the time one [Palmer?] was executed as a spy and after a service of [fifteen?] days. He was discharged and returned to Frederickstown.

I again entered the service in the month of July in the year 1777 as a volunteer in a company of New York Militia in a company commanded by Captain Elijah Townsend and joined the company in Frederickstown and immediately marched from there to Whiteplains in the County of Westchester and State of New York at a place called [?] Square near Westchester where there was a quantity of provisions and public stores departed at this time and place I was left with a corporal and twelve men myself being then a Sergeant [sic] had the command of his guard over the provisions & stores before mentioned and we was stationed there 12 or 14 days with the guards under my

command. I then marched with those men under my command to the White Plains where we rejoined the company to which I belonged under Captain Elijah Townsend and was stationed therein for some time (one month).

From there I with the same company marched to one Peter VanTale's house, VanTale was one called a Committee of Safety or Vigilance and was stationed there near a month from there we marched to one Paulding near Tarrytown where the British army to the number of eight thousand was landed from there to one Youngses and one Pauldings and between at those places we discovered the British Army we were then about 500 foot & a few cavalry and the foot were commanded by Colonel Henry Ludington. The Americans retreated and the British pursued us about one mile & a half and then halted and then we marched to a place called North Castle at Wrights Mills and encamped there for the night .

The next day we marched to Wards House in Westchester from Westchester we marched to North Castle and on the way up we met about one dozen of the British soldiers which we fired upon and one of them killed and the rest retreated there were Brittain Refugees so called mounted to the cavalry from there we were marched to the White Plains and staid there until the time Fort Montgomery was taken from there we were marched through the Country from Whiteplains to Bedford to [?]town and to Fredrickstown from there to Fishkill from there I was sent as Sergeant with a guard of 8 man & a corporal to Colonel Ludington's House to guard his house after 5 or 6 days I had orders and joined the Regiment & Company at the Red Mills in the town of Carmel from there we marched to Bedford from there to Whiteplains and remained there till after Burgoyne was taken prisoner with his army arrived at the White Plains I saw General Gates form there I was marched through the Country to Knowpond & in the last of October or first of November after a service of three months and a half I was discharged & returned to Frederickstown during all of which time I served as a Sergent under Colonel Henry Ludington.

On the first of March in the year 1778 I again entered the service of the United States as a volunteer in a company of New York Militia as a Sergent in a company commanded by Captain Elijah Townsend in a Regiment Commanded by Colonel Archibald Graham I first rendezvoused and joined the company at Frederickstown and marched from there to Bedford in the County of West Chester in the State of New York and marched from there to the White Plains from there to a place called Tucky-hoe near to Courtlands Mannor and there we joined General Scotts Brigade of the Continental Army.

I was stationed there the most part of the summer at that time a Captain Bell with a Company of Grenadiers from New Jersey joined us at that place and stayed there until the fall of the year during this summer a company of Indians from Stockbridge joined us at this place under the command of an Indian by the name Nim and the Lieutenants name was Furman the company of Indians consisted of about a hundred. This company with one Regiment went out on a scouting party about one half of this company of Indians went out and they were all except one killed or taken by the Brittish one of them returned the next day badly wounded. I saw his wounds

dressed by the surgeon. I was stationed at this place and marched from place to place thence to Peekskill with a Provo guard with Prisoners. I had the command of the guard when I arrived at Peekskill I called on General Putnam and surrendered them to the officers of his guard the other time I surrendered them to the Officer of the guards under General McDougal then at Fishkill one of these prisoners names was Morgan. I then went to the Red Mill after deserters and took one by the name of Jackson and returned with my guard to Turkey [?] where our regiment lay and I remained there until the 13th day of September 1778 on which day I was discharged by my captain and reached home the next day during all which time I served as a sergent which was six months and 14 days.

I again entered the service in the month of November 1778 in a company of Malitia [militia] in a company commanded by Captain Tubbs as a volunteer and served as a Sergent for one month I joined the company at Frederickstown & marched to Pines Bridge and was stationed there until December and after a service of one month I was discharged.

I again entered the service in the year 1779 as a volunteer in the militia in a company commanded by Captain Joel Mead in the month of May and first joined the company at Frederickstown as Sergant of said company and was marched to Fishkill in the County of Dutchess and also to Stoney Point and Peekskill and was stationed at all those places on duty until the month of November during which time I served six months and then returned to Frederickstown during all of which time I served in Capt. Henry Ludington as a Sergeant.

I again in the year 1781 entered the service in the month of June 1st as a volunteer in a company of Malitia commanded by Captain Joel Mead and marched from Frederickstown to Peekskill and stayed there some time & was employed in guarding the lines so called and was stationed at different places, Fishkill, Peekskill, Stoney Point until some time in October then I was at a place called Whalus Pond where one Butler was murdered by the Tories. I saw Butler with them his own [?] within a few hours after he was murdered from then I marched with a guard under my command to a place called [?] in the highlands near the Hudson river and from there I returned home to Fredericktown during which time I served four months and a half after which about the 20th of October I as discharged after a service of four months and twenty days during all of which time I was a sergeant in the company before named under the command of Colonel Henry Ludington.

I certify that there is no living witness now surviving whose testimony I can procure to my knowledge.

I hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the pension Roll of any Agency of any state.

I then propounded to him the following interrogatories.

1. Where and in year were you born? Answer. I was born in the town of Fairfield in the State of Connecticut in the year 1752, October 1st day.

2. Have you and record of your age and if so where is it? Answer I once had it, in a bible which is lost out of it and is gone, and a few years ago gave the bible a present to another person.
3. Where were you living when called into service. Where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live. Answer. At the time I lived in the Town of Frederickstown in the County of Dutchess and State of New York when I entered the service. I have lived since the Revolutionary War until the year 1795 in the Town of Frederickstown since that time I have lived in the town of Middletown in the County of Delaware and State of New York where I now live and have ever since 1795.
4. How were you called into service were you drafted did you volunteer or were you a substitute and if a substitute for whom. Answer. When I first entered the service I was drafted for six months as a militia man and served as such after that I was always a volunteer and was never s substitute for any one.
5. State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops where you served such Continental and Militia Regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your services. Answer. The general officers names of which I recollect are as follows: General Scott, General Clinton, General Washington was at a place called Mount Deprey? with his army in the year 1777 I saw him there General McDougal I saw I as acquainted with Colonel Sheldon who was a Colonel of Regiment of horse I knew General Poor, General Clinton was a part of the time in command at Fort Montgomery formerly Colonel. General Vandeborough had a command as a General or Colonel at Fort Montgomery Scott Putnam & Sheldon had command of Continental troops.
6. Did you ever receive a discharge from the service and if so by whom was it given and what has become of it. Answer. I never had any written discharge from the service I was always discharged verbally.
7. State the names of some person in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief of your services as a soldier of the Revolution. Answer the names are James Mead, David Mead, Matthew Halcott.

(Signed with his mark) Sheubel Dimmick

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid which is the 5th day of July in the year 1833. Martin Keeler, Judge

Letter in folder dated September 3, 1936, written in response to an inquiry.

Reference is made to your letter in which you request the Revolutionary War record of Shubael Dimmick, of Frederickstown, Dutchess County, New York who died in 1839.

You are furnished herein the record of Shubel or Shubael Dimmick, as found in the papers on file in pension claim, S.16763, based upon his service in the Revolutionary War.

Shubel Dimmick was born in Fairfield, Connecticut; the names of his parents are not stated.

While a resident of Frederickstown, Dutchess County, New York, Shubel Dimmick enlisted the last of May or first of June 1776, served six months as private in Captain Joshua Barnum's Company, Colonel James Clinton's New York regiment. He volunteered sometime in the spring of 1777 and served fifteen days as sergeant in Captain Joel Mead's company, Colonel Ludenton's New York Regiment. He volunteered in July 1777, served three and one half months as sergeant in Captain Elijah Townsend's Company, Colonel Henry Ludenton's New York Regiment, was in a skirmish and retreat between Youngs and Pawling, and in another skirmish between Westchester and North Castle. He volunteered March 1, 1778, served as sergeant in Captain Elijah Townsend's company, Colonel Graham's New York regiment, engaged in guarding prisoners and was discharged September 13, 1778. He volunteered in November 1778, and served one month as sergeant in Captain Tubb's New York company. He volunteered in 1779 and served six months as sergeant in Captain Joel Mead's company, Colonel Henry Ludenton's New York Regiment. He served, also, six months in 1780, officers not named. He volunteered in June, 1781, served as sergeant in Captain Joel Mead's company, Colonel Henry Ludenton's New York Regiment and was discharged about October 20, 1781.

Shubel Dimmick continued to reside in Frederickstown, Dutchess County, New York, until 1795, when he moved to Middletown, Delaware County, same state.

Shbel or Shubael Dimmick was allowed pension on his application executed July 5, 1833, at which time he was a resident of Middletown, New York. In 1834, he was living with his son, name not given, about twenty-six miles from the county seat in Delaware County, New York. He died October 29, 1839, survived by a child whose name was not stated.

The name of soldier's wife was not given.