

## **Pension Application for Stephen Durham**

S.45347

State of New York

Lewis County SS.

On this twentieth day of September in the year 1820 personally appeared in open court to wit, in the Court of Common Pleas, held at the Court House in the Town of Martinsburgh, in and for the said County proceeding according to the course of the Common Law, with a jurisdiction unlimited in point of amount, keeping a record of its proceedings and possessing a seal, Stephen Dunham aged sixty one years resident in the Town of Pinckney in the County aforesaid and State of New York who being first duly sworn according to Law, doth on his oath declare that he served in the Revolutionary War as follows, to wit, as a private in the company commanded by Captain Hicks, in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Goose VanSchaicks in the line of the State of New York on the Continental Establishment.

That he enlisted in the year 1776 for the term of nine months, and at the expiration of the said nine months he enlisted for and during the term of the said war, and continued to serve in the said corps until the close of the said war, when he was discharged for the said service at FishKills in the State of New York in the year 1783, that the date of his original declaration is on the Sixteenth day of April in the year 1818 and the number of his pension certificate is 2,451—

And I do solemnly swear that I was a resident citizen of the United States on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift, sale, or in any manner disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions of an Act of Congress entitled “An Act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States, in the Revolutionary War” passed on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 1818, and that I have not, nor has any person in trust for me any property or securities, contracts or debts due to me, nor have I any income other than what is contained in the Schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed (necessary clothing and bedding excepted) and the account of my creditors by me subscribed and hereto annexed is in all respects just and true.

And I do further swear that I am by occupation a farmer that I now am and have been for more than forty years troubled with a breach or hernia; that I am able to perform but very little labor and am unable to support myself that the number of my family residing with me is two besides myself to wit, Rachel Durham my wife aged fifty four years, and my daughter, Rachel Durham aged fourteen years, that my wife is wholly unable to labor and has been so unable for seven years last past, that my said daughter is able to support myself. (Signed with his mark) Stephen Durham

Sworn to and declared on the e21st day of September 1821 before John Safford, Clerk of Lewis County.

Schedule of the property of Stephen Durham.

Crops

Corn judged to be 25 bushels at 37 ½ per B. 9.37 ½

Rye judged to be 15 at 37 ½ per B. 5.62 ½  
Oats judged to be 10 at 18 per B. 1.80  
Beans judged to be 1 peck .25  
Potatoes judged to be 30 Bushels at 12 ½ per B. 3.75  
Hay two tons at \$6.00 per T. 12.00  
Flax 1 peck serving poor yield at 1.00  
Pumpkins 4 loads at 50 cts per load 2.00

#### Stock

One mare supposed to be 15 years old teeth poor 5.00  
One young cow middling quality 13.00  
1 yearling Heifer small 6.00

#### Fowl

Five old hens and 23 chickens small .75

#### Farming Tools

Two axes one middling good the eother poor at [??] 2.00  
Three old hoes poor at 37 ½ 37 ½  
One Sickle good at 50 .50  
One short broken chain at \$1.00 1.00  
One Shaving Knife at .25 .25  
One old poor cutter harness \$1.50 \$1.50  
One Clevice & pin at 37 ½ 37 ½  
Two Scythes—one new & good one old & poor at \$1.25 1.25  
On Burl Hook good \$1.50 1.50  
One poor Hay fork 18 .18  
Three Rakes one poor two middling at 18 c .18  
One Grindstone very small and poor at 25 cts .25  
One garden Hoe at 25 cts .25  
One shoe hammer Old & Battered at 6 Cents 6  
One Tapping Gauge at 37 ½ 37 ½  
One sythe Tackle poor at .50 [?]  
A Pair Shears .25 two [?] one spike 9 at 18 42  
Small Box of old [?] at 25 cts 25

#### Fire Arms & Accoutrements

One Musket good at \$5. 5.00  
One Cartridge Box poor at .50 cts .50  
On Bayonet Scabbard & Belt midling Q [quality] 37 ½ 37 ½

#### House Hold Furniture

Iron Ware one 5 pair kettle at \$4.00 4.00  
On 2 pail Pot at \$2.00 2.00  
One old broken [?] 2 pail kettle at 75 cts .75  
One Good Tea Kettle \$1.25 1.25  
One Bake Kettle cracked & cover broken 25 .25  
One Good one pail kettle at 1.00 1.00

One fractured two qt kettle 37 ½ 37 ½  
Two camp kettles good at 50 c pr k. 1.00  
Two Camp Pans 37 ½ per pan .75  
One frying pan mended large \$1.00 1.00  
One trammel tolerable good small .75  
[?] Combs at 37 ½ 37 ½

#### Tin

One Pail holding 10 qts at 37 ½ cts poor & old 37 ½  
One poor trumpet at 12 ½ 12 ½  
One Funnel old at 6 .6

#### Table Furniture

Two one pint pewter basins at 18 cts per B 36 cts .36  
Six Tin Spoons at 50 cts .50  
One Small blue [?] pt earthen Platter at 50 @ p. .50  
Two earthen do do do plates one crack at 16 .16  
One quart flowered mug earthen at .25 .25  
Seven poor table knives & three forks at 75 .75  
Three small red earthen platters at 25 .25  
Four Flowered Cups & Saucers at 18 .18  
Three ½ pt earthen cups with handles .18 .18  
One flowered 2 2 qt Bowl at 9 .9  
One same bowl at 25 .25  
One ten quart red earthen jar at 50 .50  
One 2 quart do do do do at 25 .25  
One 1 gall do do [?] at 44 .44  
One ½ Gall do do of at 25 .25  
One quart do do do 12 ½ .12 ½  
One Pt Jug at 10 cts .10  
One qt glass bottle at 12 ½ 12 1/2  
Three ½ pt glass bottles at 30 .30

#### Wooden Ware

One Blue Chest Midling size with mountings old at 1.50  
One dalipated chest without legs at 1.75  
One poor bedstead—high 37 ½  
One low Bedstead .12 ½  
One law Bedstead .12 ½  
Five old poor Barrels at \$1.50 1.50  
One Pickle tub containing ¾ [?] with P. at \$1.00 1.00  
One churn large size good 1.25  
One Wooden Bucket old .37 ½  
One Wollen Wheel damaged 2.00  
Old linen wheel very poor and old not fit to use .37 ½  
One Washing Machine Good .37 1'2

Two twelve at Tubs at 37 1/s per T. .75  
One poor Reel at 75 cts .75  
Two large chairs poor and old 62 ½ .62 ½  
One small chain at 37 ½ .37 ½  
Broken Kettle Bale and Hoop at 37 ½ .37 ½  
Cotton cards at 87 ½ .87 ½  
One wooden box small for sugar 37 ½ .37 ½ .12 ½

Books

One Bible One spelling book & Hym books one Chrystian travel  
and one novel all old & some out of repair 1.25  
One Iron Candlestick at 12 [?] 2 12 ½  
One half of this kid skin 1.50  
Family Table old & poor .75 stand do New \$2.00 2.75

Total \$117.76

(Signed with his mark) Stephen Dunham

Debts against Stephen Durham 87.73  
One Peter Yondes & Leonard D. Mansfield 6.00  
Due Leonard D. Mansfield 18.00  
Due to John Dean payable in 6 months 18.00  
Due to Thomas Wait for hire of land 10.00  
Due to Paul Green 5.00

Total \$126.73 (Signed with his mark)

I John Safford Clerk of the County of Lewis & Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas in & for said County do hereby certify that the foregoing oaths and the schedule thereto annexed, are truly copied from the records of the said Court and I do further certify that it is the opinion of the said court that the total amount in Value of the property exhibited and the aforesaid schedule is one hundred seventeen dollars & seventy six cents.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the said Court this 23d day of September 1820. John Safford, Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas, Lewis County.