

Pension Application for Samuel Edmonds or Edmunds

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Newspaper Article: *Another Revolutionary Soldier gone.*

DIED, in this city on Tuesday last, General SAMUEL EDMONDS, in the 66th year of his age, one of the first settlers of this place. He served his country during the whole of its struggle for independence. Too young for s soldier, he left college at the age of 16 and enlisted as a drummer in the Revolutionary army, from his station he was promoted successively to the office of Ensign, in which capacity he served at the battle of Monmouth, and to that of Deputy Commissary, in which station he was present at the siege of Yorktown and witness the surrender of Cornwallis. He was also Paymaster General of this state during the last war. He has held several offices of trust in civil life.—he held the first executive office in the county. He was buried with masonic honors, being a distinguished member of the order; he had obtained *Perfection in Masonry.*

Hudson NY 1826. Samuel Edmunds was born August twenty seventh day Anno Domini 1760.

Ruth Worth was born the sixth day of December Anno Domini 1763.

Samuel Edmonds and Ruth Worth was married the 28th day of No. 1784.

John Worth Edmonds, son of Samuel & Ruth Edmonds was born the 21st October Anno Domini 1785.

Ruth Edmonds died the 31st October Anno Domini 1785 aged 21 years 9 months & 23 days.

Samuel Edmonds & Lydia Worth was married the 27th day of August 1786.

Lydia Worth was born the ninth day of September Anno Domini 1763.

Ruth Edmonds, daughter of Samuel & Lydia Edmonds born the 10th day of June 1787.

Thomas Edmunds son of Samuel & Lydia Edmonds was born the 27th day of April 1787.

Thomas Edmonds died 14th day of July Anno Domini 1792, aged 3 years 2 months & 16 days.

Lydia Edmonds daughter of Sam'l & Lydia Edmonds was born on Wednesday the 16th July 1794.

John Worth Edmonds died April 29 on Wednesday AD 1793.

Mary Ann Edmonds, daughter of Samuel & Lydia Edmonds was born on Tuesday the 29th March in ye year of our Lord 1797.

John Worth Edmonds son of Samuel & Lydia Edmonds was born on Wednesday the 13th of March AD 1799.

Samuel Henry Edmonds son of Sam'l & Lydia Edmonds was born on Sunday the 18th day of Oct A.D. 1801.

Francis Henry [?] Edmonds son of Sam'l & Lydia Edmonds was born on Saturday the 22d Nov. 1806.

Cornelia Caroling Edmonds daughter of John & Lydia Edmonds was born on Monday the 20th March 1809, half after three o'clock P.M.

Samuel Henry Edmonds died the 29th day of July 1819, aged 17 yrs 9 mo. And 11 days.

Samuel Edmonds died in the City of Hudson at 10 o'clock AM of the 14th day of March 1826 aged 65 years six months and sixteen days.

Lydia Edmonds, wife of Samuel Edmonds died Nov. 20th 1841 aged 78 years 2 months & 11 days.

New York, February 20, 1852.

My father Gen^l Samuel Edmonds, who was Pay Master General of the New York Militia during the last war with Gr. Britain, had been in the service of the U.S. during the Revolution.

I have heard from him & also from his father very often an account of his services.

When the troubles with England began in 1776, my father was a student in a College in Rhode Island. He was then 15 or 16 years old or thereabouts, & left his school & enlisted as a drummer. He served in various capacities until the close of the war. Having had an education, he soon arose from the ranks & when the army was disbanded he was a Commissary.

He was at the Battle of Monmouth and at the surrender of Yorktown and I have often heard from him a detailed statement of those actions.

When LaFayette visited this country my father took part in his reception at Hudson as one of the soldiers of the Revolution, & related to his children many incidents connected with LaFayette's services during the Revolution.

My father was discharged from the Army at Newburgh & with only his horse & blanket and a few dollars loaned by a friend, he went up the Hudson River to seek his fortune. He located himself at what was then Claverack Landing, now the City of Hudson where he died.

The friend who thus aided him was the Rev. Mr. Gano, then one of the Chaplains of the army & the same one who is mentioned in the accounts of that day as the one who officiated at the celebration the Peace, ordered at Newburgh by Gen^l Washington.

I remember having seen in my boyhood in my father's papers signed by Gen^l Washington, but what their purpose was I do not now remember.

I remember also when I was quite young of playing with parcels of Continental money, which was carelessly thrown about the years as useless but which my father had received for his pay.

My father would never in his life time apply for a pension & now neither my brother nor myself will consent to receive any. Whatever he may be entitled to must go to our sisters & their children, we having no interest in it.

In the meantime that my father served during the whole of the Revolutionary War is a fact as well established in the history of the family as any event, which we of this generation cannot personally vouch for. J. W. Edmonds.