

## **Pension Application for Stephen Fairchild**

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State of Pennsylvania

Fayette County SS

On the 20<sup>th</sup> day of August personally appeared in open court before the Judges of the court of Common Pleas now sitting in and for said County Stephen Fairchild a resident of the Township of Dunbar County of Fayette and State of Pennsylvania aged seventy 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 pension made by the Act of Congress passed June 7<sup>th</sup> 1832.

That he volunteered in the service of the United States for the term of six months with Captain Elisha Hunter and served in the Regiment of Colonel Thomas—General Clintons Brigade—General Wm. [Heith's?] division New York line & said deponents states that he was born in the Town of Bedford in the year 1762 Westchester County in the State of New York that he was in his 15<sup>th</sup> year when he volunteered in July 1776 that he was taken sick about a week before the battle of the White Plains and sent home and did not recover so as to be able to rejoin the regiment until the retreat of the British from the White Plains, when he recovered he was ordered to take [faded] a team to move the stores from North Castle to Peekskill that he did not receive his discharge in consequence of his not being with them at the time of discharge he being employed with the team as above stated.

Deponent also states that in 1777 being below the lines he was compelled to remain at home to guard themselves as “minute men”.

In 1778—April—his fathers family including himself removed into State of Connecticut Fairfield County Town of Newfairfield from which place he with a number of others was called out to defend a pass in the fishkill Mountains through which it was supposed the British intended to pass to attack West Point that he was commanded by Captain Pennfield—Colonel Bayley's regiment and General Wadsworth's Brigade that he was out on this expedition between 3 weeks and a month—

In 1779 his father again removed into the State of New York, Albany County from which place in October of that year he joined a volunteer company and marched to Fishkill under Capt. Graves—Colonel Waterman's Regiment, commanded by Major John McKenster in Genl Van[?] Brigade that they were called out for 3 months but before the time expired it being deemed unnecessary longer to keep the men there in consequence of the situation of the enemy they were dismissed before the expiration of the time—

Deponents state further that in 1780 he was called out to oppose the British and Indians on the Mowhawk [Mohawk] River in the Company commanded by Capt. Bonot Waterman's Regt commanded by Major J. McKenster from which time until the army was discharged he resided in Orange County in the State of New York and assisted to supply the army with boots and shoes—

Deponent further states that in 1795 he left the place aforesaid and removed to Western Pennsylvania Fayette County where he now resides – the period of his service as above stated being about one year he also served one year in what was called the “minute service” as a “minute man” during the year 1777 in Westchester County—Bedford town State of New York under Captains Peter Fleming & Captain Jesse Hawley—

That he has no documentary evidence & that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service—

That he hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present & declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency of any state. (Signed) Stephen Fairchild.

Affirmed & subscribed in open court the 21<sup>st</sup> Augt 1832. H.W. Beeson [?]