

Pension Application for Vincent Foster

W.24220 (Widow: Jemima)

B.L.Wt.28616-160-55

1st State of New York

Saratoga County SS.

On the 19th day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty three—personally appeared before me George Palmer one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas, in and for said courts.

Vincent Foster a resident of the town of Malta in the County of Saratoga State of New York – aged seventy eight 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 7th 1832.

He entered the service of [the] United States under the following named officers & served as herein stated.

He resided at a town then called the Northeast Precinct in in the Little Nine Partners or as it was generally called the Little Nine Partners, now called Northeast, in the County of Dutches [Dutchess] and State of New York & there on or about the first of August 1775, he enlisted into the service of the revolution for five months, under Captain Rufus Herick, as private—in the 4 battalion of the Yorkers. Charles Graham was our lieutenant & Holmes our Colonel—

He served out his time in the following manner—He marche3d from the Little Nine Partners to Lake George & from there to Tycondaroga [Ticonderoga] by water & from there by water to St. Johns in Canaday, where he remained till said fort was taken by the Americans. He assisted in building the latrines & was in the commanding when the fort was taken—A few weeks after St. Johns was taken, he with Capt. Hericks Company returned to Ticonderoga, where he remained on duty till the frost.

5 of January 1776 when his time of five months expired -- When his time was out the fort was likely to be left without a sufficient guard & on their [?] up for volunteers he with the rest of Capt. Herick's company volunteered to stay one month longer, which time he served out on duty at Fort Ticonderaga [Ticonderoga] & was then discharged & returned home – of these services he has no documentary evidence.

General Montgomery commanded at St. Johns & Colonel Holmes at Ticonderoga—General Woster was at St. Johns some of the time.

After returning from Ticonderoga he resided at Little New Partners aforesaid till July 1776 when on an alarm that the British were coming up the North river he volunteered to serve for one month under Lieutenant Hartwell which time he served at Fort Constitution & was there discharged—of this service he has no documentary evidence.

He resided at Little Nine Partners aforesaid when in December 1776 on a draft of the Militia he engaged to go as a substitute for Simon Dakins for three months— which time he served as a private under Captain Daniel Wilson & Lieutenant Hartwel. He served this three months at White Plains—North Castle & Kings Bridge.

While at Kingsbridge he was in one battle, in which his ensign Aaron Ele & one private was killed in his company—General Scot was his Colonel, Colonel Field was also there as at KingsBridge but Colonel Morris Graham seemed to be the principal commander & was his Colonel.—Colonel Field was also there—He was discharged at Kings Bridge in March 1777—He has no documentary evidence of this service.

About the middle of April 1777 & a number of teams were pressed at Little Nine Partners aforesaid to draw forage from the country to Fishkil & Peekskill on the Hudson River & he this deponent volunteered to drive one of the said teams—Caleb Woodard was his conductor. He served out his month in drawing forage as above named was discharged at Fishkill—He was under Martial law received pay by the month & drew his provision from the publick stores. He has no documentary evidence of this service.

In January 1778 at Little Nine Partners aforesaid a number of teams were raised to draw forage to Fishkill where part of the United States army lay & he this deponent volunteered to drive one of said teams for three months, under Elehu Ingles a Conductor. He served his three months, in drawing forage to Fishkill Peekskill & other places & about the first of April 1778 was discharged—In this service he was regularly enlisted received pay by the month, was under martial law & drew his provisions from the publick stores—He has no documentary evidence of this service.

In June on a draft of the Militia at Little Nine Partners aforesaid for one month, he this deponent went into the service of the revolution as a substitute for a man whose name he has forgotten—He has forgotten the name of his Captain, but Austen Graham was his Lieutenant.—He served this month as a private in helping build Fort Put & Fort Arnold at West Point & was there discharged—He has no documentary evidence of this service.—

In July or August 1780 when living at Little Nine Partners aforesaid, he this deponent was called out in the Militia on an alarm & served as private for half a month at Fort Constitution in Dutches[s] County under Captain Childs & was discharged at Fort Constitution – He has no documentary evidence—To this half months service David Lawrence of Stillwater can testify as he was with him—

In answer to the interrogatories ordered to be put by the Court to the applicant—this deponent says.

Question 1st He was born in the town of Ridgebury in the County of Fairfield & State of Connecticut on the 19th of September 1754.

Question 2 He has no record of his age.

Question 3 Each time when called into service & during the revolutionary war he resided at the town of Little Nin Partners otherwise called Northeast Precinct now Northeast in the County of Dutches[s] & State of New York & since the Revolutionary War he has resided in the Little Nine Partners aforesaid—in [?] hollow Onondaga Count6y in the town of Lime in Jefferson County both in the State of New York—in the town of Salisbury County of Litchfield & State of Connecticut & now resides in the town of Malta Saratoga County & State of New York.

Question 4 He says is answered in the body of his declaration as above on pages 3-4 & 5.

Question 5 This question is also answered in his declaration pages 3-4 & 5.

Question 6 He never received a written discharge.

Question 7 He is known to Barker Collamore, Samuel Crouch, Hezekiah Lord, Matthias Swaim & Jacob Blaise—all of his present neighborhood & of the town of Malta who can testify to his character for veracity & their belief of his services as a soldier of the revolution.

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.

He this deponent was called into the service of the revolution a number of times for short periods on alarms, besides those named above—but only claims for the above named sixteen months.

Fhe knows of no person whose testimony he can procure, who can testify to his service, except David Lawrence of Stillwater whose certificate he has procured. (Signed with his mark) Vincent Foster.

Subscribed & sworn the said 19 day of February 1833 before me. George Palmer