

Pension Application for Gershom Fuller

S.13106

Declaration. In order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress, passed June 7, 1832.

State of New York

County of Albany

On the twenty day of July 1832, personally appeared in open court before the Justices Court of the City of Albany now sitting, Gershom Fuller a resident of the Town of Guilderland in the county of Albany and state of New York aged in January next eighty three 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 7, 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States, under the following named officers, and served as herein stated.

That in the year 1776 he enlisted for six months under Capt. VanSantford in the City of Albany and on informing his wife of it, she was dissatisfied and persuaded him to engage another person in his place, which this declarer accordingly did and procured one Joseph Salisbury to enlist in his place for six months, and which he served most faithfully; after which this declarer engaged as a private in a company of minute men, then so called under a Capt. Philip Licke of the Town of Bethlehem and served under him for a term of six months, in a Regiment of which one Hogan was Lieut Colonel; but the Colonel of the Regt he does not recollect.

That he marched with the Company to Fort Ann, Fort Edward and other places to the northward until Burgoine commenced his march Southward, and our army retreated—That he continued with the Army to the northward, until about the commencement of the Skirmishes and the battle between the British and American armies when this Declarer being sick and unfit for duty, was permitted to return home, that after this he marched to Schoharie, and whilst there, intelligence was received, that the Indians and British had attacked Cherry Valley whereupon the Troops then at Schoharie marched thither to the relief of the Inhabitants—

From thence he was marched back to Schoharie and then returned home—That after this he marched with the Militia and went up the North River, as far as Stillwater and Saratoga, where General Gansevoort (then a Colonel) commanded and were marched under him back to Schenectady and were then billeted among the Inhabitants—and there we were discharged and went home—that he cannot say with precision how long he served in each term; but is confident, and doth declare, that the whole period of his revolutionary service was not less than twenty four months.

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. (Signed with his mark) Gershom Fuller

Sworn to and subscribed, the day and year aforesaid. J. G. Wasson Clk.

Letter in folder dated June 6, 1936, written in response to an inquiry.

Reference is made to your letter of June 1, in; which you request the Revolutionary War record of Gershom Fuller, born January 1, 1750, at Cornwall, Connecticut, enlisted May 12, 1777, served until sometime in 1780, and died June 26, 1836 in Guilderland, Albany County, New York.

You are furnished herein the record of Gershom Fuller, as found in the papers on file in pension claim, S.13106, based upon his service in the Revolutionary War.

Gershom Fuller was born January 1, 1750, ion Cornwell, Connecticut; the names of his parents are not given.

While a resident of Bethlehem, Gershom Fuller enlisted in 1777, and served about six months as private in Captain Philip Luke's company, Colonel VanDenBergh's New York regiment. He enlisted in 1778, served six months as private in Captain William Winnie's New York Company and was in the attack on Cherry Valley. He enlisted in 1780 and served four months as private in Captain William Winnie's company, Colonel Gansevoort's New York regiment.

Gershom Fuller was allowed pension on his application executed July 25, 1832, at which time he was a resident of Guilderland, Albany County, New York.

In 1776 the soldier had a wife, her name and age not shown, and there are no further family data.

Gershom Fuller died June 26, 1836, place not stated.