

Pension Application for Alden Gage

W.21172 (Widow: Hannah)

State of New York

County of Herkimer SS.

On this eighteenth day of October in the Year 1832 personally appeared before the subscriber, a Judge of the Court of Common Pleas of the said County of Herkimer the same being a Court of Record having by Law a seal and Clerk Alden Gage a resident of the Town of Fairfield in the said County aged seventy three years and upwards, 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.

In the year 1775 he the said Alden Gage resided in the Town of South East in the then County of Dutchess now County of Putman in the State of New York and in the forepart of October as he believes but he does not remember the day in the year 1775 he enlisted as a volunteer at South East aforesaid for two months in to Capt. Thomas Storms Company in a Regiment commanded by a Regiment commanded by a Colored whose name is not recollected in the State service and said Colonel with his Regiment was stationed at Fort Montgomery at this time and he the said Alden Gage was marched under the command of Capt. Storms to Constitutional Island in Hudson river nearly opposite West Point and was stationed on the said Island and employed at work in Building Fort Constitution aforesaid Island and he served station in building said Fort two months under the command of Capt. Storms and was then discharged sometime in the forepart of December 1775 but received no certificate of discharge.

The names of the officers under whom he served said two months were as follows viz: Capt. Thomas Storms, Lieut: Eliakin Barnum.

On the first day of April 1776 he enlisted as a volunteer at South East aforesaid into Capt. Benjamin Higgins Company and said Company was not as he believes attached to any Regiment but was raised to guard the Continental Stores so called in the State Service for six months and he was marched to said Continental Stores and Stationed to guard said stores at Fredericksburgh now Patterson in the County of Putman and he served under the command of said Capt. Higgins at said stores for the term of six months and was then discharged from said service about the first day of October 1776 but he received no certificate of discharge—

The following are the names of the officers under whom he served Capt. Benjamin Higgins but he does not remember the name of the Lieutenant.

In the forepart of December 1776 he enlisted as a volunteer at South East aforesaid into Captain Scribner's Company of Rangers as they were called but not attached to any Regiment for three months in the state service and he was employed in ranging Fishkill's mountains in pursuit of the time and then he was marched under the command at Capt. Scribner to White Plains and stationed at White Plains until he was discharged in the forepart of March 1777, and that he served under the command

of said Capt. Scribner in ranging the Country aforesaid and serving at White Plains as aforesaid for three months but he took no certificate of discharge—

And the names of the officers under whom he served are as follows viz: Capt. Scribner but he remembers no other officers.

In the last part of July in the year 1777, he enlisted as a volunteer in the capacity of second sergeant at South East aforesaid into Cap. Luddington's Company in Col. Luddington's Regiment in the state service for three months and was marched to White Plains and stationed at White Plains aforesaid on guard under the command of Capt. Luddington three months except that on the appearance of a British fleet in the Hudson river the Regiment retreated up to Fishkill and stationed there until the capture of Gen. Burgoyne's Army & the said fleet there with drawing down the river but the said Alden Gage was marched with Col. Luddington's Regiment back to White Plains and he the said Alden Gage served as aforesaid under the command of Capt. Luddington three months & was then discharged sometime in the last part of October 1777 but received no certificate of discharge.

The names of the officers under whom he served as aforesaid are as follows viz: Capt. Luddington; Col. Luddington and he served said three months as second sergeant.

In the forepart of December 1777 he enlisted as a volunteer and second sergeant at South East aforesaid into Capt. Stephen Sears' Company which was not attached to any Regiment has he recollects and was marched under the command of Capt. Sears to Continental Village in the Highlands on the Hudson and was stationed at said Continental village under the command of Capt. Search and was engaged in carrying forage to said Village and he the said Alden Gage enlisted as aforesaid for four months and he served four months under Capt. Sears as aforesaid in the state service and was then discharged from said service in the forepart of April 1778 but received no certificate of discharge—

The officers under whom he served are as follows viz: Capt. Stephen Sears but he don't remember that there were any officers other than Capt. Sears.

In the forepart of September 1778 he enlisted as a volunteer and second sergeant at South East aforesaid into Capt. Dighton's Company in Col. Luddington's Regiment in the State service for three months and was marched under the command of Capt. Dighton to Valentine's Hill near Fort Independence on the North River and was stationed at Valentine's Hill and made an attack on Fort Independence then occupied by the enemy but failed and the retreated somewhere after to White Plains under the command of Capt. Dighton and continued at White Plains until he the said Alden Gage was discharged in the forepart of December 1778 and that he took no certificate discharge—

The names of the officers under whom he served are as follows: Capt. Dighton, Col. Luddington; but does not remember the name of the Lieutenant or the other officers—

And the said Alden Gage enlisted as aforesaid in 1778 and served under Capt. Dighton as above stated three months.

On or about the first of May 1779 he was drafted at South East aforesaid into Capt. Higgins Company in Col. Field's Regiment in the State Service with the Militia; who were called out en masse and was marched to Fishkill into the Highlands and served one month in the State service under the command of Capt. Higgins and he was Discharged in the forepart of June 1779 but received no certificate of discharge in writing –

The officers under whom he served were Capt. Higgins, Col. Fields, Lieut. Ebenezer Gage.

On or about the middle of July in 1780 he the said Alden Gage enlisted as a volunteer and second Sergeant at Fredericksburgh now Patterson in Putnam County into Capt. Livingston's Company in Col. Dubois' Regiment in the State service for four months and was marched to the North River and then went up the river with Capt. Livingston's company to West Point & from thence to Albany & from thence to Schenectady & from thence to Canajoharie on the Mohawk River & from thence to Palentine [Palatine] and there a battle was fought on the north side of the Mohawk river between the American forces under the command of Col. Dubois & Col. VanRensselaer and the enemy who were commanded by Col. Brandt & Col. Butler and he the said Alden Gage was engaged in said Battle with his company under the Command of Capt. Livingston & the enemy being dispersed he the said Alden Gage marched with Capt. Livingston's Company and Col. Dubois & Col. VanRensselaer's forces in pursuit of the enemy who crossed & retreated up the South side of the Mohawk River and then to the west of said river some distance in the forests and then he returned back with Capt Livingston's Company as far as German Flatts and his term having expired he was discharged by Capt. Livingston, and he was discharged sometime in the forepart of November 1780 and that he served with the company under the command of Capt. Livingston as above stated four months but he took no certificate of discharge in; writing.

The officers under whom he served said four months were Capt. Gilbert Livingston, Col. Dubois, Maj. VanScoetten—The Lieutenant remembered [sic] He does not remember any regular officers were with the troops where he served at any time except in 1778 there were some regular officers with the troops where he served but he does not remember any of their names.

And he the said Alden Gage further states that he was born at South East in the County of Putnam in the State of New York on the 14th day of January 1759.

He has a record of his age in his bible at home.

He was living when called into the service in the Town of South East and during the war of the Revolution at South East aforesaid except as aforesaid and since the Revolutionary War he lived at Pittstown in Rensselaer County a number of years and from them he removed to Fairfield in the County of Herkimer in the State of New York and has resided where he now resides in Fairfield afore said about thirty nine years last past.

He the said Alden Gage has no documentary evidence of his services in the revolution.

And he further states that he knows of no person living whom he can produce to prove his Revolutionary Services except the affidavit of Richard Barnum his sister and also the affidavit of Isaac Greene hereunto annexed.

And he states that the following are the names of persons to whom he is known in his present neighborhood viz Samuel Evans and Hiram C. Nolton who can testify to his reputation for truth and veracity and 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. (Signed) Alden Gage

Sworn to and subscribed this 18th day of October 1832 before me. Sherman Wooster a Judge of Herk. Com. Pleas.