

Pension Application for Richard Gale

S.16816

The State of Ohio

Franklin County SS.

On the fifth day of August 1833, personally appeared before me, Sam^l G. Flanniken one of the Associate Judges of the Court of Common Pleas for said Franklin County Richard Gale a resident of Perry township in the County aforesaid and State of Ohio aged seventy five 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 provision made by the Act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States first as a substitute for Wait Carpenter in June or July 177[3?]th—and went on an expedition against the Indians at a fort called Genneaugh their officers were Capt. Watkins, David Crawford, Lieut—Stephen Harlow Ensign.—The occupied ten days.

Second Expedition in the summer of 177[3?]th—under the same officers against the Indians was mustered at Peenpack in Ulster County New York remember of Esg Swathmore being killed by the Indians, which occupied twenty days or little more—as near as I can recollect—a third expedition I was in the same year, under the same officers—George Clinton, I think being Governor of New York under whose authority we were called out was mustered at Minisink in Orange County State of New York and went against the Indians who were committing occasional depredations in those parts—the expedition against the Indians at Peenpack—McGlanhry was our Colonel, Jacob Newkirk our Major Samuel Watkins Captain, all of the Militia line—this expedition occupied fourteen days.

In April 1774 I arrived at the age of 16 years and was put upon the muster roll and was called out during the summer several times against the Indians and generally commanded by the same officers named last above.—Cannot state the exact months of time of these expeditions but am certain they could not be less than thirty days in all—

In the fall of 1774, or winter 1775 immediately following, there was a company of volunteers called for the term of three months, in which I enlisted in Ulster County N.Y. and marched to Fort Constitution on the East side of the North River opposite West Point from which place I was discharged when my three months expired, and remember walking home on the ice my officers were Col. Nicholas, Capt. Barns Lieut Saml McCord and Robbin Rogers—We were called minute men—

Early in the spring of 1775 I went on an expedition to Fort Constitution which occupied 14 days —shortly after I was in an expedition to Peenpack against the Indians which occupied 12 days.

Do not remember any particular circumstances attending these expeditions.

In Sept. or October following I was called to Fort Montgomery—which occupied about 15 days.

In the year 1776 in May or June I went on an expedition to Fort Clinton which occupied about 14 days.—In the same year the militia of Ulster County aforesaid were

classed for the purpose of raising the companies to station on two small bays on the North River then called Tappan and Haverstraw bays where the British were in the habit of landing from boats and plundering the country I was in that service one month directly after herewith under Capt. Watkins.—

On our return called to Peenpack against the Indians – a tour of 12 days—In December 1776—our whole Regiment was called to the same place by Governor Clinton from thence marched to Paramus in the State of New Jersey where we met with Col. Odles Col. Hatfields or [Elipous?] Regt and one other Regt from Orange and one from Ulster County where we remained on duty until the last of February 1777, being a term of three months—during which time there was a quantity of British stores taken by us at Hackensack consisting of spirits sugar &c, and about sixty of the British were taken at Bargain Ridge—

In the spring of 1777 called to Fort Montgomery under Ensigns Harlow, took 21 days –immediately upon my return was called to Minisink and remember Ferguson was killed was then out 20 days.

I then went to Fort Montgomery under Ensign Harlow on an expedition of 21 days—upon our return I went on an expedition to a Fort in Pennsylvania on the south side of the Delaware name not recollected gone 12 days.

On the 5th of October 1777 as attack on Fort Montgomery was threatened by the British and the whole Militia was called to its relief, in consequence of some of our Regts not appearing I was ordered with six men to bring them in which [?] us so much that we did not reach the Fort—when 14 miles, on our way we received news of the capture of the Fort and was ordered to proceed to New Windsor or Hudson River where we remained until we soon relieved by the Continental troops I think the 1st of Nov. or first December—being two and a half months.

Col McGlashry commanded our Regt at this time—himself and some of his men who succeeded in getting to the Fort were taken prisoners—Subsequently we were commanded by Col. Newkirk—I do not recollect how commanded. Fort Montgomery but Fort Clinton nearby taken at the same time was commanded by General James Clinton.

In the spring of 1778 I was called in an expedition to West Point which occupied 14 days. Immediately after that, I was in an expedition against the Indians at Dewits fort—which took 21 days – I was also soon; after that on an expedition at Martinus Deckey fort & spent ten days. Soon after my return form the last named expedition; I went on an expedition to guard Philips S. Wessen's powder mills in Ulster County N.Y. where a quantity of damaged powder had been sent by government to be looked over—under the command of Major Philips and Lieut Dewing I was occupied in this tour two months or sixty days; in Sept or October following viz in 1778. I went as a volunteer on the frontier one month under Capt Tilford from [?] Lake Country where we had a slight engagement with the Indians near an Indian place called Willowaugh where we lost three men one of them Lieut John G[blot]and.

In 1779 I was out on an expedition against the Indians at Peenpeck at a Fort called Dewits 14 days—In; July or August 1779 the whole body of Militia was called to

repel the Indians. Orange County Regt being in advance in the pursuit, were, mostly killed, this was called the great battle on the Banks of the Delaware River among the officers, who fell at that time were Col. Tustin, Capt Sawyer, Jones, Settle, l& Dunham and Capt Wood taken prisoner, this expedition occupied 14 days—my capt was Watkins.

I was also out after this last mentioned, in the same year 1779 on an expedition by order of a committee to disarm a set of Tories about 2 weeks under Sergeant Brockway—

This declarant further says that he is confident he was out on expeditions more than the times he hereafter enumerated, but cannot after the lapse of upwards of fifty years state all particulars with much precision;.

I have no documentary evidence to prove any of the above pacts—and know of but one person who is acquainted personally with any service done by me and received an answer that he remembers but one fact which is the Williamough Skirmish.

I hereby relinquish ever claim whatever to any pension or annuity except the present and declare that my name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any State whatever and further says during the time which the service men performed he was not employed in any civil pursuit. The great battle so called I stated in my former declaration in 1778 upon reflection I think it was in 1779—and so stated in the above.

(Signed) Richard Gale.

Sworn to and subscribed the day & year first above written. James G. Henneken, Associate Judge of Franklin County.