

Pension Application for Stephen Gilbert

S. 23655

State of New York

West Chester County SS.

On this 27th day of May in the year 1833 personally appeared in open court the same being a Court of Record before the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas of the County of West Chester State of New York now sitting Stephen Gilbert a resident of the Town of South Salem in the County and State aforesaid aged seventy two years, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

That eh entered the service of the United States under the following named officer, and served as herein stated. That he enlisted as a private in a company of [Monitored?] Volunteers, some times called and known by the name of Rangers, in the month of April 1777 in the County of West Chester aforesaid; the company was commanded by Captain Samuel DeLavan that he served in that Company until the close of the War the other officers of the said Company were James Manderville 1st Lieutenant Ulrich Wallace 2d Lieutenant and Jacob Vermilyea [Comit?]

In the year 1777 aforesaid the company to which he was attached as aforesaid was stationed at a place called Middle Patent in the Town of North Castle in the County of West Chester, most of the time under the command of Captain Samuel LeLavan and part of the time, under the command of Major Nathaniel DeLavan that they continued at Middle Patent in the Town of North Castle in the County of West Chester, most of the time under the command of Captain Samuel DeLaven and part of the time, under the command of Major Nathaniel DeLaven that they continued at Middle Patent aforesaid until the enemy moved up and encamped in the south side of Croton River, most of the Company to which the Declarant was attached as aforesaid were marched up to Bedford in said County a small part of the Company were marched to Crum Pond in West Chester aforesaid Declarant was with the part of the Company which was at this time at Bedford.

The enemy remained a few weeks on the South side of the Croton River aforesaid they then crossed the said river to a place on the North side through to a place called Collebergh in what is now called the Town of Catlandt in said County that the British troops of Infantry after remaining a few weeks at Calleburg marched up to Peekskill and in a short time thereafter marched up to York Town and burned the meeting house and a dwelling House opposite at this time about 25 of the company to which Declarant was attached including himself were near York Town and had a fair view of the Enemy and their operations but were not in the strength of oppose them—the enemy then after burning the said buildings returned to Peekskill from this time up to the time of the Capture of Burgoine's Army the Declarant was stationed with his said company at York Town in West Chester County.

In the year 1778 Declarant was constantly under arms with the said Company in there stationed at York Town aforesaid at Middle Patent in North Castle aforesaid part of the time commanded by Major Nathaniel DeLavan and part of the time by

Capt. Richard Sacket and part of the time when at York Town by Capt. Samuel DeLavan.

In the year 1779 Declarant with the said company to which he was attached as aforesaid were in service during the whole year part of the time he was stationed at Middle Patent aforesaid and part of the time at Bedford in the said County of WestChester when he was at Bedford he was under the command of Lieutenant Wallace. After our Guards were taken at Crum Pond near Deake's Mill in the year 1779 the Declarant was ordered to Crum Pond aforesaid, the company took the same stationed the guards had occupied we saw them under the command of Capt. Samuel DeLavan.

In the year 1780, Declarant still continued in service in the said company was stationed at Middle Patent and Bedford and sometimes at Your Town aforesaid at two different times the company were all together and near at our times commanded by Captain Samuel DeLavan and at other times by Lieutenant Uriah Wallace the said Company was [?] in this year marched down below the line in the said County of West Chester.

In the year 1781 Declarant still continued in service as aforesaid in the said company.

In the months of March the company to which this declarant was attached as aforesaid with other troops under the command of Capt. Israel Honeywell made an attack upon [Morrisema?] in said County of WestChester charged DeLaney's Regiment when on parade left a number dead on the ground brought off twenty three prisoners and thirty three Cavalry Horses. At the time of this attack upon DeLavan's Regiment this declarant was in the front guard.

In the year 1782 Declarant still continued in service in said Company and was through the whole year in actual duty.

And this declarant further states that for the time which the said service was performed by him as above set forth he was not employed in any civil pursuit.

And Declarant further states that he has no documentary evidence of his service & that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service except John Quick whose affidavit is hereto annexed.

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) Stephen Gilbert

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid before me. N. Bayles Clk of said Court.