

## **Pension Application for Noadiah Graves**

R.4210

State of New York

County of Niagara SS.

On this 11<sup>th</sup> day of June AD 1841 personally appeared in open court before the Court of Common Pleas now sitting Noadiah Graves a resident of the town of Hartland in the County and State aforesaid, aged seventy eight years who first being 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<sup>th</sup> 1832.

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

The first service performed by this declarant was as a substitute for Gorham Lane for a period of six weeks, but this declarant did not serve but twenty three days of the term.

The Continental troops were withdrawn to New York and the militia were called upon to guard the military stores at Fishkill on the North River where this declarant was stationed, and performed the service before alluded to.

He is unable from loss of memory to state the precise time he entered the service, nor can he recollect the names of any of the officers under whom he served for the first term of his service.

This declarant was born in 1762 in the town of Norfolk in the County of Litchfield and State of Connecticut, that he resided in the Town of New Canaan in the County of Columbia and State of New York when he entered the service.

That in 1779 or 80 there [?] several alarms given that the Indians and Tories were committing depredations upon the inhabitants on the northern frontier. This declarant volunteered at two different times and went to Ballstown in the County of Saratoga—at one time he was engaged ten days and at another time eight days.

While he was on his ten days service he was under the command of Lieut. William Hallenbecker who then was a resident of New Canaan as aforesaid.

That in 1779 or 80 a class of fifteen men who resided in New Canaan as aforesaid were required to furnish one of their number or hire some one for a three months service, that this declarant was hired by them for that service, that this declarant was hired by them for that service, and he accordingly enlisted under Capt. Elijah Bostwick who commanded the company in which this declarant served.

The other officers were Lieut. Samuel Callender and Ensign Miles Griswald. The Regiment was commanded by Col. Malcolm, his company marched to the Hudson River where they were conveyed in a sloop to Peekskill there crossed and were marched down the river to Dobbs Ferry in the State of New Jersey.

After staying a short time we were ordered to Fort Edward in the State of New York where we remained doing garrison duty until we were discharged which was in the month of October but this declarant is unable to recollect the year.

He is confident it was the same or preceding year that Cornwallis was taken.

On this occasion, this declarant served three months and the whole time he was in actual service under competent authority was four months and ten days.

He never received a written discharge—

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) Sherman McLean Witness

Sworn and subscribed the day and year aforesaid in open court before L.F. Bower Judge of Niagara County Courts.