

Pension Application for Asahel Gregory

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State of Pennsylvania

Susquehanna County SS.

On the eighth day of September A.D. 1832 personally appeared in open Court—before Hon. Edward Herrick and his associates, Judges of the Court of Common Pleas of said County now sitting—Asahel Gregory of Bridgewater township, in the County of Susquehanna, and State of Pennsylvania aged seventy three years, who being first duly sworn accordingly 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 officers, and served as herein stated, to wit.

That he enlisted as a volunteer under Captain Asa Barnes at Lanesborough, Berkshire County and State of Massachusetts, on or about the first of June, 1775, and marched as fifer to Watertown, where he lay about three days in which time the battle of Bunker's Hill was fought. From Watertown, he marched on to Prospect Hill near Boston, where the company in which he served was attached to General Woodbridge's Regiment, in Genl Green's Division.

That he continued in the service at and in the neighborhood of Boston until the first of January 1776, at which time he was discharged.

That he immediately enlisted under Capt. Jabez Hall of Lanesborough; the company to which he belonged was attached to Col. Seth Warner's Regiment of "Green Mountain Boys" so called—he immediately marched with the Regt for Quebec, passing through Bennington in Vermont to Ticonderoga, -- and from thence, on the ice across Lake Champlain to St. John's; from thence to Montreal, at which place he staid about one week, and from Montreal he marched to Quebec. That he lay at Quebec, with the army, during the remaining part of the winter; being a part of time wick with the small pox in the hospital and at the other times, he attended the sick in; the hospital as nurse, many died of the small pox, serve cold, hardships and privation during the winter; and among the number, Capt Jabez Hall.

That on the sixth day of May 1776 (Burgoyne's Army advancing), a general retreat was ordered, all; the sick an invalids were to be taken to a place called "Wolf's Cove" and there got on board of boats.

That the father of the said Asahel Gregory, (who enlisted at the same time with him) lay sick with the small pox, the time the retreat was ordered. That the said Asahel Gregory accompanied his father to Wolf's Cove and there went with him on board a boat. That in the latter part of the same day the boats were so closely pursued by the British shipping, [shipping] they were landed and abandoned to the enemy. They then took the main road and went on to a place called the "Three Rivers" where the father of the said Asahel failing from sickness and fatigue, could proceed no farther; was got into a French family, and the said Asahel, with two of his mess mates, (viz. Rice Honeywell and Nathan Brundridge) remained with him until his death; which happened on the third day after their arrival. They buried him and almost naked and

famishing with hunger, proceeded on their way for the United States; begging a scanty subsistence through the county. He crossed the River St. Lawrence to Sorell, there met General Sullivan's Army, drew provision by order of Genl Arnold, and went on to St. Johns, and being without officers and an invalid, got enrolled by a Sergeant Munn, in order to draw rations, staid at St. Johns three weeks during which time he was on fatigue, (drawing boats up the River Sorell), was then discharged, crossed Lake Champlain, went up the Lake by water, landed near Crown Point, passing thro Bennington in Vermont, and arrived at Lanesborough in the latter part of July 1776.

And the said Asahel Gregory further saith,--That on the first of July 1777, he volunteered at Lanesborough aforesaid under Lieutenant ____ Holdridge to reinforce Genl St. Clair's army at Ticonderoga—marched to Williamstown, there joined Capt. ____ Smith's company, land immediately marched through Bennington and Pawlet to Skeensborough arrived at Skeensborough the day on; which Ticonderoga was evacuated by the American forces, the same night retreated back to Pawlet remained at Pawlet under the command of Maj'r Brownson about tone week. From thence retreated to Manchester, remained at Manchester about three weeks, was then dismissed and returned home; having been absent about six weeks, --during which time he served as a sergeant.—

And the said Asahel Gregory further saith, -- That in the month of July 1779 he enlisted as a volunteer, under Capt Samuel Clark, at Lanesborough aforesaid, for the term of one month,--marched through Great Barrington and Litchfield to New Haven in Connecticut; and at the expiration of his enlistment was discharged.

And the said Asahel Gregory further saith,--That on or about the seventh day of September—1780, he inlisted [enlisted] at Lanesborough aforesaid for the term of six months, to fill up the Continental line,--marched immediately, crossed the North River at Stony Point and joined a company at Tappan, commanded by Capt. Marshall of Col. Marshall's Regiment in General Pattersons' Brigade, --m wat at the execution of Andre, the spy,--he was quartered at Tappan (as near as he can recollect) about two months, then removed to winter quarters at West Point where he remained until his term of inlistment expired, and was discharged in; the month of February 1781—by Maj'r Winslow.

And the said Asahel Gregory further saith, -- That in the latter part of the summer of 1781, he enlisted at Lanesborough aforesaid, under Capt. Samuel Clark, for the term of three months. He marched to Albany and from thence to Fort Plain on the Mohawk Rive; where the company to which he belonged, joined a Regiment commanded by Colonel Ireneas Willet [Marinus Willett], he continued in service one week after the time for which he enlisted had expired. He with others, to the number of about two hundred being requested by Col. Willet, to remain one week longer with; him as an attack of the enemy was expected soon as they should leave the service. Every man volunteered to continue in the service the time requested in which time the enemy made an attack on col. Willet at Johnstown—were repulsed by the Americans and compelled to retreat—

A few days after the engagement he, (with the others, whose term of service had expired) were discharged. And the said Asahel Gregory further saith. That he has no documentary evidence, and that he knows of no person who can testify to his services.

He hereby relinquishes every claim to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is onto on the pension roll of any state.

And the said Asahel Gregory further saith that on his application to Congress for a pension, he procured the affidavits of Nathaniel Stewart (Since dead), Lyman Hall and Samuel Tyler, and forwarded them to Philander Stephens Esqur, member of Congress, but that the said affidavits have not been returned to him. And that the said Lyman Hall, and Saml Tyler resided in the State of Massachusetts at the time the depositions were taken. (Signed) Asahel Gregory

Sworn and Subscribed this eighth day of September AD 1834 in open court.
Asa Dimock Prot.

[?2d Congress, 1st Session. [Rep. No. 389.] Ho. Of Reps.

Mr. Stephens

PENSIONERS

[To accompany bill H.H. No. blot]

March 13, 1832.

Mr. Denny, from the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions, made the following

REPORTS:

NATHANIEL STEWART.

The Committee on Revolutionary Pensions, to which was referred the petition of Nathaniel Stewart, report:

Petitioner makes affidavit that he enlisted in June, 1775, at Lanesburg, in Massachusetts, for six months, in Asa Barnes' company, Colonel Woodbridge's regiment; served out this term, was dismissed at Boston, and then enlisted for six months in Captain Hall's company, Colonel Warner's regiment; served out this term, and was discharged at Ticonderoga in; May, or June, 1776. That he again enlisted in 1776 in Wheeler's company, for six months, and was regularly discharged after his time of service expired. In February, 1778, he enlisted in Belding's company, Colonel Taylor's regiment and "by him put in the teaming service," in which he remained until December 1778, about ten months. Petitioner also declares that he was in the battle of Bennington.

Judge Dimock, before whom petitioner made his statement, declares that, to his own knowledge, petitioner is "poor, without property to support himself, and needs assistance from his country."

Lyman Hall declares on oath, that petitioner had enlisted in Barnes' company, in May or June, 1775, and knew when petitioner went to Boston, and when he returned, which was about the January following; that he again enlisted, a few days after, in the Company of captain Hall, deponent's father; deponent was in the same company; that they went to Canada, and Stewart continued in the service at that time until the June next following.

Asahel Gregory makes an affidavit corroborating the statement of petitioner as to services in Barnes' company at Boston, and Hall's company in Canada, and before Quebec.

Abel Patrick also makes affidavit as to the service of petitioner, with a team, in the Quartermaster's department.

The committee are of opinion the petitioner ought to be placed on the pension roll.

[Rep. No. 368]

ASAHEL GREGORY.

The Committee on Revolutionary Pensions, to which was referred the petition of Asabel Gregory, report:

[First line has a fold and the words "The petition - - - a petition under the act of 1818,] and in his application stated under oath, that he enlisted in May, 1775, for nine months, in Massachusetts, in the company commanded by Asa Barnes; served out the time of his enlistment, and was discharged; that he then enlisted again, and was marched to Quebec under Captain Hall, and returned home in July, 1776, having been absent near one year; that he is in reduced circumstances, and (in 1818) sixty-two years of age.

The justice before whom petitioner made his declaration, certifies that he is in reduced circumstances, and needs assistance from his country. This application was rejected at the department, on the ground that there was no evidence of a service of nine months under one engagement.

In January 1828, Gregory presented his petition to this House, in which he states the same facts as sworn to in his application to the department in 1818, and also that he lay sick at Abram's Plains with the small pox, and begged his way home in July, 1776; and that he was afterwards out in several tours of duty with the militia for three and six months; "and that he is now laboring under their infirmities of age and penury." Petitioner makes no affidavit to this petition.

Nathaniel Stewart makes oath, that, in 1775, he enlisted in company with Gregory; that they marched to Boston, where they remained until January, 1776, when their enlistments expired, and they were discharged; that they immediately enlisted in Captain Hall's company, and marched to Quebec, and returned in July, 1776, being continually in service for more than one year; that Gregory was a member of the same company with him;.

The committee is satisfied with the evidence of petitioner's service, and of his being poor and infirm; and therefore report a bill.

AMON MARSHALL.

The Committee on Revolutionary Pensions, to which was referred the petition of Amon Marshall of Westchester, New York, report:

The petitioner, upon oath, states that he enlisted in the army of the revolution under Captain Jonathan Platt, for nine months, on or about the summer of 1775; was attached to Colonel James Holmes' regiment, and at the expiration of nine months,

was honorably discharge. Petitioner states that he marched to the northward previous to the taking of St. Johns, and was stationed at Ticonderoga. After the taking of St. John's, he returned home, and again enlisted under Captain Samuel Delavan; was in the battle of Ward's house, &c. Petitioner is poor, blind and aged 76 years.

Nathan Lockwood and John Fancher, of Westchester, New York, state, upon oath, that the facts set forth by the petitioner are known to be true by them, particularly as to his enlistment, marching to the north in 1775, battle of Ward's house, and his being blind, &c. The committee therefor report a bill.

[Rep. No. 369.]

BENJAMIN CARMAN.

The Committee on Pensions, to whom the petition of Benjamin Carman was referred report:

That the evidence in this case appears satisfactory that the petitioner did serve more than nine months on the continental establishment, and that he is now poor; that his application was rejected by the War Department because, as the petition alleges under oath, his captain's name was written *Warren* instead of *Weyman*, by mistake of the clerk who drew his declaration. Captain Abel Weyman was in Colonel Shreve's regiment, New Jersey line under whom the petitioner served. The committee think him entitled to a pension.

HOSEA TIFFANY.

The Committee on Revolutionary Pensions, to whom was referred the petition of Hosea Tiffany, report:

The petitioner makes affidavit to his enlistment and services at various times, from April, 1775, to 1778, which are briefly stated in his petition.

Thomas Tiffany, brother of the petitioner, declares, on oath; that he was with petitioner at the time of his enlistment in 1775, and was with petitioner throughout the campaign of 1776, after which he was discharged.

Caleb Richardson makes affidavit, that he, petitioner, enlisted in the close of the year 1775 in captain Pond's company, Reads regiment, and knew of his return from service in January, 1777.

There is also a certificate signed by one of the judges, the prothonotary, sheriff, land other county officers, and respectable persons of Susquehanna County, Pennsylvania, in favor of the character and veracity of the petitioner. The committee therefore recommend that petitioner be placed on the pension roll.

THOMAS TIFFANY

The Committee on Revolutionary Pensions, to whom was referred the petition of Thomas Tiffany, report:

Thomas Tiffany declares, on oath, that he enlisted on the 1st May, 1775, and served eight months in Colonel Walker's regiment, and was regularly discharged; that he enlisted on; the 25th December, 1775, for one year, at Roxbury, Massachusetts, in

Oliver Pond's company, Jos. Read's regiment, and continued in service until the 1st January, 1776 when he was regularly discharged; that during the years 1777 and 1778 he performed several other tours of duty, is now (1830), 75 years of age, palsied, feeble, and needy—discharges are lost.

Hosea Tiffany makes affidavit that he was with the petitioner when he enlisted in December, 1775, was with him throughout the campaign, and present when he was discharged 1st January, 1777; --is the brother of the petitioner.

Caleb Richardson makes affidavit that Thomas Tiffany, the petitioner, enlisted in the close of the year 1775, for one year, in Pond's company, and that he knew of the [blurred] from service in January, 1777. The committee recommended that the petitioner be placed on the pension roll.

JOHN BAIN.

The Committee on Revolutionary Pensions, to whom was referred the petition of John Bain, report:

The petitioner states that he enlisted in Guilford, North Carolina, in Captain Sharp's company; was sent to White Marsh, and in a skirmish there received a wound in his right hand from an English trooper, which incapacitated him, in great measure, from work. He was then attached to the wagon service, was sent to Valley Forge, where he remained all winter, and, on account of his wound, was put in the hospital at Yellow Springs: when fit for duty, he was placed in Quartermaster's Department, where he continued until peace.

William Stapelton declares, on oath, that he was personally acquainted with petitioner from 1777 to 1782, and knew him; to be a soldier in the revolutionary war all that time; that he became acquainted with petitioner while lay at Valley Forge in the winter of 1777-1778, and knew him, to continue in the service in Caleb North's regiment, Pennsylvania line, to which petitioner had been transferred, until the end of the war.

There is also sufficient evidence that petitioner is poor and inform.

The committee therefore recommend that he be placed on the pension roll.

JOHN JAMES.

The Committee on Revolutionary Pensions, to whom was referred the petition of John James, report:

The petitioner states upon oath, that he enlisted at Trenton in; June 1776, in the company of Captain Joab Houghton, Colonel Johnston's regiment, Jersey line, for five months: was present at the battle of Long Island, after which he was, with the regiment, sent to Fort Washington; and was employed there until October following, about which time apart of the American army, with the regiment in which petitioner served, moved to the White Plains, and there engaged the enemy on 28th October, 1776, in which action petitioner was wounded. Petitioner, with other wounded, was afterwards sent to Bethlehem, in Pennsylvania, where he remained in the hospital until march, 1777, when he was discharged cured; he returned to Trenton, and was

then appointed foragemaster by Colonel C. Biddle, and continued in that service, attached to the medical staff, at Trenton, Valley Forge, and Philadelphia, until 23d October, 1778; when at his own request, on account of family affliction, he was discharged; and that he afterwards served during the war in the militia of New Jersey. His whole service in the army of the United States was for a period of two years and more than four months. Petitioner is aged 72 years of age, poor and infirm, and unable to maintain himself. The petitioner's statement is accompanied by the original discharge, dated 23d October, 1778, signed by Owen [blurred] assistant commissary general of forage.

James Everett makes affidavit that he knew John James, in 1777, as a foragemaster at Trenton, in the service of the United States.

John Clifford makes affidavit that, in 1776, he held the commission of first lieutenant in Captain Joab Houghton's company, in Colonel Johnstown's regiment of Jersey troops, during what was called the five month's service; that he was well acquainted with petitioner; that the petitioner was attached to, and enlisted in, Houghton's company, and done service in the same during that time.

Jabez Ashmore declares, on oath, that he knew said petitioner to be in the five months' service, and that he served during the whole period.

From all; that appears, the committee are satisfied of the service of petitioner, and recommend him to be placed in the pension roll.