

Pension Application for Samuel Harris

S.23216

Declaration

In order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7, 1832.

State of New York

County of Seneca SS.

On this 9th day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty two personally appeared before me Levi Wheeler esquire one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in and for the said County of Seneca in the State of New York Samuel Ferris a resident of the town of Ovid in the said County of Seneca in the State of New York Samuel Ferris a resident of the Town of Ovid in the said County of Seneca and State aforesaid aged seventy eight years now 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 7th 1832.

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

That when he was twenty three years old he was living in the town of Nine Partners in the County of Dutchess in the State of New York, that in the month of August 1777, he enlisted in the said town of Nine Partners as a private in the Militia under Captain William Chamberlain in Col. Graham's Regiment in the County of Dutchess in the State of New York, that in the month of August 1777, he enlisted in the said Town of Nine Partners as a private in the Militia under Captain William Chamberlain in Col. Grahams' Regiment for the term of three months and went out into service under the said Capt. Chamberlain and marched to Saratoga and was at Saratoga during the battle, and was also at Bemis Heights before he returned home, that he was in the service under that enlistment a considerable more than three months before he was discharged.

That after he returned home to the town of Nine Partners he went out again into service as a substitute for one Aaron Newkirk under the command of Captain Peter Post in Col. Paulding's Regiment marched to Woodstock upon; the Frontiers remained in the service six months under Capt. Post and then returned home to the town of Nine Partners.

That in the next spring thereafter he enlisted again for eight months in the militia under Capt. Gilbert Livingston of Poughkeepsie in Colonel Baldwin's Regiment (and marched to a Garrison called Hortells Hill and remained at the garrison during the said eight months enlistment.

That afterwards he was out into service and went to Fishkill, that he was frequently called out on alarms, and was out more or less on alarms and Patrol until the close of the Revolutionary War. That the whole period of his service during his enlistment as a substitute on alarms and on patrol from the commencement of the war to the termination of it exceeds two years and a half and probably three years as he verily believes and during said service was performed he was not employed in any civil pursuit. [In the margin: The applicant relinquishes abandons this count.]

That he has no documentary evidence and that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his services except Gideon Ferris he brother who affidavit or deposition is hereunto annexed.

That 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.

To the interrogatories propounded by the said Judge to the said Samuel Ferris in conformity to the directions of the War Department he answers and says to the first interrogatory.

1st Where and in what year were you born? That he was born in the town of Stamford's in the County of Fairfield in the State of Connecticut August 11, A.D. 1754.

2nd To the second interrogatory he answers and says that he has a record of his age in his Bible.

3. To the third interrogatory. He answers and says that he was living in the Nine Partners in the County o Dutchess in the State of New York, when he went into service as above stated, that he has lived most of the time since the Revolutionary War in the town of Harpersfield in the County of Delaware in the State of New York, until he moved into the town of Ovid in the County of Seneca which as about thirty years ago, and has ever since and now does reside in the said town of Ovid in the County of Seneca and State of New York.

4. To fourth interrogatory. He answers and says that served under two enlistments as above set forth in this declaration and once as a substitute for Aaron Newkirk for six months, that the other services rendered exclusive of the enlistments was on alarms and on Patrol

5. To the fifth interrogatory. He answers and says that he knew Gel Gates, Genl Arnold and Genl Allen whilst and when he was out and in the said service.

6. To the sixth interrogatory. He answers and says that he never received a written discharge as he recollects.

7. To the seventh interrogatory. He answers and says, that he is known by James Hidder, Captain Tunis Covert, peter Sherman, Peter Rapplye, Esqr P.M. at Tannerville Isaac Blew, Col William Smith and Abraham Bloomer who can testify to his character for veracity and truth. (Signed) Samuel Ferris.

Sworn to and subscribed this 9th day of October 1832 before me Levi Wheeler, Judge of the Court of Common Pleas in & for the County of Seneca.