

Pension Application for Samuel Lamphar

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State of Pennsylvania
County of Bradford SS

On this third day of February AD 1834, personally appeared before me John MacKean, one of the judges of the court of Common Pleas &c of Bradford County, Samuel Lamphar, a resident of Burlington, county and state aforesaid, aged eighty one, 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, for the term of nine months, as a volunteer, under Captain Smith Sutherland, at the Nine Partners, State of New York, and was employed, in waiting and pursuing the Tories in that neighborhood, & along the Hudson.

At one time pursued a party of them, to Fishkill. And at various other times, was out in pursuit of them. At one time was sentry for one week, over a body of Tories who had been taken prisoners, at Nine Partners. This term of service, was what was called the minute service. Was in actual service during the whole time, in various scouts, the particulars of which by reason of age he cannot now anumerate [enumerate]. This enlistment was at the beginning of the war in the year 1775. During this term he served nine months. Cannot remember the names of other officers.

In July 1776, after the expiration of the above term he enlisted in the company commanded by Capt. John Steinbach of the town of Rhinebeck for the term of six months, as a volunteer. The regiment was commanded by Col. Morris Graham, Lieut Col Charles Graham, Second Lieutenant Stephen Edget, names of the other officers forgotten.

Mustered at Rhinebeck, went on board a sloop and went to WestChester. There was employed in guarding the East River was marched thence to White Plains and was at the battle of White Plains, and marched thence to Peekskill, where he was stationed until he was discharged, in January 1777, was employed some time at West Chester in helping to build the barracks, at that place, and also Fort Montgomery, previous to going to White Plains, and after leaving WestChester.

While on sentry on the East River there were three or four men of war of the enemy on the Sound. During this term of service he was employed six months. After this removed to Manchester, Vermont, where he volunteered in the spring of the year of 1777 or 8, which he cannot now remember, Captain Thomas Barney of Rhinebeck, and went to Rutland where the army was lying, was on several scouts, [?] Lake Champlain. Served at this time two months. Other officers not recollected. The whole term of his service was seventeen months. Was in no battle besides the one at White Plains.

Remembers more of the officers of the Continental Army, except General Washington, Gen. Heath and Clinton, and Lafayette.

By reason of old age and infirmity he cannot now enumerate other particulars. He has not discharges having been burnt, in his house in 1779 and knows of no person who can testify to his service or any part thereof except Moses Calbin whose deposition is forwarded herewith.

Was born at New London District Conn. Mar. 17, 1752. The record of his age is recorded in Sunderland Vermont.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to any pensions, except the present and he declares that his name is not on the pension roll of an agency of any state.

Sworn and subscribed the day and yea aforesaid. (Signed) Samuel Lamphar

Sworn and subscribed the day and year aforesaid before me. Jno. McKean