

Pension Application for Stephen Lounsbury or Lounsbury

W.20533 (Widow: Sarah) Married November 1783. Stephen died December 3, 1839. December. In order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832. State of New York
County of WestChester SS.

On this twenty ninth day of May one thousand eight hundred and thirty three personally appeared in open court before the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in and for the County of WestChester aforesaid now sitting (being a court of record) Stephen Lounsbury a resident of the town of Bedford in the said County and seventy five years who 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 is to say he entered the said service as a private some time in the month of December in the year 1776 for the term of three months in the company of militia of the said County commanded by Captain Marcus Moseman in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Thomas Thomas; that he faithfully served out said term of service in the county of WestChester aforesaid and was at the expiration thereof honorably discharged from the said service in said County that said term of service is proven by the affidavit of Abraham Barrett hereunto annexed.

And the Declarant further saith that he again entered the said service some time in the month [of] September 1777 in the company of militia of the said County of WestChester commanded by Captain Marcus Moseman in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Thomas Thomas for the term of one month. ; That he served said month in the County of WestChester as a private in the said company and Regiment and at the expiration thereof was honorably discharged at Bedford in said County that said term of one month is proved by the affidavit of Abijah Harris a soldier of the Revolution.

And the Deponent further saith that he again entered the service of the United States as a private some time in the month of September in the year 1777, for the term of three months in the company of Militia of the County of Westchester commanded by Captain Nathain Olmstead in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Thomas Thomas. That he served the said three months in the County aforesaid and was at the expiration thereof honorably discharged from said service in the said County of West Chester that the last mentioned term of service is proved by the affidavit of James Raymond hereto annexed who was a soldier of the Revolution.

And the deponent further saith that he was drafted into the service of the United States from Captain Marcus Mosemans Company of Militia of the County of WestChester aforesaid some time in the month of February in the year 1779 for the term of two months; that he served the said two months in the County of WestChester aforesaid in Captain John Thomas, company and in Colonel Thomas Thomas Regiment and was at the expiration thereof honorably discharged.

And the Declarant further saith that he again entered the service of the United States as a private some time in the month of May in the year one thousand seven hundred and seventy nine in the company of Militia of the County aforesaid commanded by Captain Marcus Moseman in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Thomas Thomas; that he continued in actual service in the said County in the said company and Regiment until the expiration of eighteen months from the month of May 1779 when he was honorably discharged from said service at Bedford aforesaid.

That he was stationed on what was then called the lines in the County aforesaid. And was engaged in several skirmishes with the enemy during the said term—of two months and eighteen months is proven by the affidavit of David Holmes a soldier of the Revolution, which is hereto annexed.—

And the Declarant further saith that he again entered the service of the United States as a private some time in the month of July (to the best of recollection) in the year one thousand seven hundred and eighty two in the company of levies commanded by Captain Thomas Hunt in the Regiment commanded by Colonel [blank] Wisenfels—for the term of six months & that he served the said six months in the said company and Regiment in the County of WestChester and was at the expiration thereof honorably discharged him said County—that said last mentioned company was a company of light horse raised to serve on the lines in said County. And this deponent saith that he was in actual service during each of the terms herein before mentioned.

And in answer to the interrogatories propounded to the said Lounsbery agreeably to the instruction of the War Department the said Declarant on his oath make the answer and saith –

1st that he was born at Bedford in the said County of WestChester on the third day of February 1758.

2nd That his age is recorded in his family bible now in his possession.

3rd That at the time he entered the service as herein before set forth he resided in Bedford in the said County where he has resided since the Revolutionary War and where he now resides.

4th That he was always called into the service by order of his officers, except the term of two months for which he was drafted so herein before set forth and the term of six month during which he served as a volunteer in Captain Hunts company as herein before set forth.

5th That the only continental officers who were with the troops where he served were Captains Pritchard, Fog and Daniels, and the only Continental Troops he served with was a detachment under the command of the last mentioned officers—That the only militia officers and troops he served with are those herein before mentioned.

6th Never received a written discharge from the service.

7th That the names of the person to whom he is known in his neighborhood and who can testify as to his character for veracity and their belief of his services as a soldier of the Revolution are the Reverend Jacob Green and Benjamin Isaacs both of Bedford aforesaid.

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. (Signed) Stephen Lounsbury

Sworn to and subscribed this 29th day of May 1833 in open court. N. Bayles
Clk

Letter in folder dated November 26, 1927, written in response to an inquiry.

I have to advise you from the papers in the Revolutionary War pension claim W.20533, it appears that Stephen Lounsbury or Lounsbury was born February 3, 1758 at Bedford, Westchester County, New York.

While residing at said Bedford, he enlisted and served as a private with the New York Troops, as follows—

From in December 1776, three months in Captain Marcus Moseman's Company, Colonel Thomas Thomas' Regiment; from September 1777, one month in Captain Marcus Moseman's Company, Colonel Thomas Thomas' Regiment; from in September 1777, one month in captain Moseman's Company, Colonel Thomas Thomas' Regiment; in the fall of 1778, three months in Captain Nathan Olmstead's Company, Colonel Thomas Thomas' Regiment ; from in February 1779, two months in captain John Thomas's Company, Colonel Thomas Thomas' Regiment ; from in May 1779 , eighteen months in Captain Marcus Moseman's Company, Colonel Thomas Thomas's Regiment, and was in several skirmishes; and from in July 1782, six months in Captain Thomas Hunt's Company, Colonel Weisenfels' Regiment.

He was allowed pension on his application executed May 29, 1833, while a resident of Bedford, New York. He died December 3, 1839.

He married in November 1783, Sarah Raymond, she was born February 28, 1765. She was allowed pension on her application executed April 18, 1843, while a resident of New York City.

Their children were—

Betsey born September 3, 1784 or 1786.

Jeremiah born January 12, 1788.

Nehemiah born June 4, 1790.

James born June 3, 1795.

Phinehas born June 5, 1797.

Stephen born December 2, 1799.

Sarah born July 19, 1802.

In 1843, their two daughters were referred to, Mrs. Miner and Mrs. Purdy.