

Pension Application for Amon Marshall

S.13862

State of New York

Westchester County SS.

On this sixth day of December in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty two personally appeared before me Ezra Lockwood one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas in and for the County aforesaid Amon Marshall of the town of Poundridge County & State aforesaid aged seventy seven 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 on or about the first of April one thousand seven hundred and seventy five he this declarant enlisted at Poundridge in the said County of Westchester as a private for the term of nine months in a company commanded by Captain Jonathan Platt in Colonel James Holmes Regiment and from the said town of Poundridge this Declarant went with his said company and Regiment to Ticonderoga in the said state of New York where they joined Schuyler's Brigade as this Declarant verily believes as he well recollects Schuyler was there and this declarant continued til the Prisoners was brought there which was taken at St. Johns aforesaid. The Prisoners were kept some days at Ticonderoga and were from that place sent to some place in Pennsylvania [Pennsylvanis] by a guard of the American Troops.

This deponent remained in actual service at Ticonderoga and in that part of the country til the term of his enlistment expired that after the prisoners was sent off] from Ticonderoga. This Declarant was attached to another Company. The Captain's name he does not now recollect but one of the Lieutenants name was as he thinks Bull and was still under Colonel James Holmes til his time was out & then was Honorably Discharged by the said Colonel but no written discharge was given.

That during all the time of his enlistment from April 1775 til the expiration of nine months he was in actual service under arms and this declarant further saith that he enlisted in a company as a private commanded by Captain Samuel Delevan for nine months the company was called Rangers and served his term out faithfully & was honorably discharged at White Plains in said County this declarant enlisted at Poundridge in said County.

This declarant cannot say certain what year but thinks it must be 1777 or 1778 and in the spring of the year that which this declarant was under the command of his said Captain were lying at Stephen Ward's House in the town of Eastchester in the said County of Westchester and in the night sometimes in the month of November the House was attacked by a party of the British soldiers under the command of one Major Campbell and after keeping possession of the Horn and surrounding it for some length of time the British Troops forced an entrance into the said House some of our soldiers were killed and a number taken prisoners.

This Declarant with a part of said Company forced their way through the enemy and made their escape. That all this conflict arose in the night. That this Declarant was another time in an engagement on or near Bronx River so Called and was marched to Peekskill as it was said to the British was a landing at Verplank's Point man said Peekskill in said County and was marched one time In the town of Westchester in said County and was in actual service under arms until the said term of nine months expired and was then Honorably Discharged in said County by his said Captain Samuel Delevan and during the last period of nine months this declarant was ordered & marched up and down the lines in said County and during the most of the time was very much exposed to the fire of the enemy in different skirmishes with the enemy.

This Declarant enlisted for three months under Captain William Fancher but cannot say what year but it was at the time the British burnt Danbury and was in the engagement at Ridgefield in Connecticut. That General Arnold was there and this Declarant with said Captain & Company pursued them to [?] so called in Fairfield County Connecticut where they had an engagement with the British forces and this Declarant well recollects that General Arnold was at [?] this Declarant saw Arnold ride back and forth giving orders to the American Troops this declarant served out his time of Three Months and was honorably discharged by his Captain & that during his said term of three months he was under arms and in actual service.

This declarant enlisted during the Revolutionary War under Captain Daniel Bonton for the term of Three or Four Months & cannot now say with certainty which nor can this Declarant say what year but well recollects it was in the winter that he marched to the place then called Moresema in said County of Westchester.

That this Declarant which in the last enlistment was some time kept on guard for three nights in succession without any great coat or blanket and when on guard he suffered and sometimes seemed as though he must freeze to death and there was but few days but what they had some skirmishes with the enemy and when this declarant had served out this time faithfully he was honorably discharged.

This declarant enlisted under Captain Noah Bouton of Poundridge for the term of three months and marched to a place called [?] on the North River West of the White Plains in said County of Westchester but cannot tell what year this declarant well recollects that there was also a company there commanded by Captain Slawson that which lying there it was said that they was to be attacked by a company of British Horse and was drawn up for battle but finally the attack was not made that this Declarant marched to different parts of said County under the command of his said Captain until the expiration of his said enlistment had expired and was then Honorably Discharged.

This Declarant enlisted under Captain Samuel Lewis but cannot say for what period of time that under said Captain Lewis he marched to [Newvortelle?] and different parts of the County principally for the guarding against the British & Tories below the lines that were to annoy us by small parties in stealing our cattle and watching the movements of our services in different parts of the county and this

declarant cannot undertake to say what year now how long this last enlistment was for and this Declarant further saith that he was in the actual service for the most part of the Revolutionary War and that he always remained a true friend to the cause of Independence.

That this declarant was born in the year one thousand seven hundred & fifty five on the twenty third day of February in the town of Poundridge as appears by the record in his family Bible where he now resides and always has both before & during the revolutionary war.

That this declarant always resided in said town of Poundridge when he was called into the service aforesaid but never was Drafted. That he always volunteered or enlisted as aforesaid and served for himself but never was a substitute.

That this Declarant recollects the following regular officers ne well ;knew General Washington, General Scott, Colonel Philip VanCortlandt, General Schuyler, [?] Regiment & [?] regiment.

That this declarant never received a written discharge from service. That this Declarant cannot recollect the [?] names of the aforesaid Companies which he belonged but believes they were State troops belonging to the State of New York or Volunteer companies from the Militia of said state. That this declarant understood at the time that his aforesaid Capt. Jonathan Platt was appointed and acted under the order of Congress.

That this Declarant is known in his present neighborhood to Albert Lockwood and William Lockwood both residing in the town of Poundridge in the said County of Westchester who can testify to this declarants good character for veracity their belief of his age and their belief of his services as a soldier of the Revolution.

And 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) Amon Marshall

Sworn to and subscribed, the day and year aforesaid before me, Ezra Lockwood one of the Judges of the Court of Com. Pleas in & for said County.