

Pension Application for Jonathan Odell or Odel

W.16358 (Widow: Catharine) Married October 17, 1784. Jonathan Odell died April 17, 1835. Survivor benefits to: Rebecca Kellogg, Nathaniel Odell, Jane Baldwin, Alec'r M. Odell, James Odell and Jonathan J. Odell.

Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7th 1832.

State of New York

Tompkins County SS.

On this 3d day of October personally appeared in open court before the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas now sitting, Jonathan Odell a resident of the town of Groton In the county of Tompkins and state of New York, aged seventy two 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 about the first day of September it was general training day in the town of Shongum [Shawangunk] Ulster County and State of New York he enlisted under Captain Thomas Brinckerhoff in Colonel in Colonel Moses DeWitts Regiment and on the fifth day of September one thousand seven hundred & seventy five a few days after he enlisted he started with his company under General Montgomery for Qubeck, he enlisted for five months marched first to Kingston, to rendezvous then started from Kingston marched to Albany and from there marched to Quebeck passed some where near Oswago [?] went part of the way by water arrived at Quebeck when it was very cold the time does not recollect was in the battle at Quebeck, was near Montgomery when he fell say [saw?] him a few moments after, stayed near Quebeck during the winter, served his five month[s] out, land was discharged then volunteered in the same company and under the same officers and staid so that he did not get home untill the first of May following having served eight months at Kingston he drew his pay fifty three shilling & four pence per month had no written discharge—

Knew Jacobus Brown who as a Lieutenant Colonel Arnold commanded a Regiment,—that in the spring last of April of [or] first of May 1776 again inlsted at Shongum under Captain William Johnson, in Colonel Paulding[’s] Regement of New York state troops for five months went to White Plains Weschester [Westchester] County was in the battle from time went to [?] next from thence to Peekskill and having served out his term of five months was then discharged had no written discharge, during this service knew Captain Stewart of the Continental Service he was lying at Fort Montgomery

In the summer of 1777 he again inlsted at Shongum under Captain Jacobus Rose for three months, in Colonel McClagherty’s Regiment went to Fort Montgomery was at the Battle of Fort Montgomery Captain Rose was killed after the battle went up to Esopus which had been burned by the British, having served out his three months was discharged at Kingston.

In the spring of 1778 he again enlisted at Shongum under Captain Cayhundall he does not recollect who commanded the Regiment, went in General Sulivans [Sullivan's] expedition to the west, went to the Indian Castle beyond Batavia, returned to the horse heads there ten horses were killed, knew general Sullivan this deponent thinks he may be mistaken in the year when he served under General Sullivan he served for than the five months the term of enlistment all of six months was discharged on the Susquehannah River had no written discharge.

This deponent has no documentary evidence and that he knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service except James Trapp & Evert Rose, Cornelius Lundeman whose affidavits are herewith annexed.

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) Jonathan Odel

Sworn to and subscribed, the day and year aforesaid. S. Love, Clk

Letter in folder dated July 11, 1934, written in response to an inquiry.

Reference is made to your request for the record of Jonathan Odell, a Revolutionary War soldier who was pensioned while living in Tompkins County, New York.

The data which follow were obtained from papers on file in the pension claim, W.15358, based upon the military service of Jonathan Odel. He signed as Odel but was pensioned as Odel.

He was born in 1760 in Peekskill, Westchester County, New York. The names of his parents were not given.

While living Shawanjunk [Shawangunk] Ulster County, New York, he enlisted and served as private with the New York troops as follows: from about the first of September, 1775, served eight months in captain Thomas Brinkerhoff's company in Colonel Moses DeWitt's regiment, marched to Quebec under General Montgomery, was in the assault on Quebec and was near General Montgomery when he was killed; from about May, 1776, served five months in Captain William Johnson's Company in Colonel Paulding's regiment and was In the battle of White Plains; from the summer of 1777 he served three months in Captain Jacobus Rose's company in Colonel Mc;Clagherty's regiment and was In the battle of Fort Montgomery; his next enlistment was in the battle of Fort Montgomery; his next enlistment was in the spring of the year of General Sullivan's Indian expedition when he served six months in Captain Cuykendall's company on said expedition.

From Shawanjunk [Shawangunk] Ulster County, New York, he moved to Lansing, Tompkins County, New York, and from here to Groton, Tompkins County, New York.

He was allowed pension on his application executed October 3, 1832, at which time he was living in Groton, Tompkins County, New York.

Jonathan Odell died April 17, 1835, in Ulysses, Tompkins County, New York.

He married in Shawanjunk, New York, October 17, 1784, Catherine Terwillager who was born March 25, 1769.

He applied for pension October 8, 1840, while living in Preble, Cortland County, New York. The claim was allowed.

She died December 5, 1841, at Dryden, Tompkins County, New York, "while there on a visit".

The widow, Catharine, was survived by the following children, all of whom were over twenty-one years of age at her death; Rebecca, wife of Stephen Kellogg, resident of Groton, New York, in 1842; Nathaniel Odell, Resident of Dryden New York, in 1842; Alexander M. Odell, resident of Spencer, Tioga County, New York, in 1842; Jonathan J. Odell, resident of Preble, New York, in 1842.