

## **Pension Application for Stephen Palmer**

S.14098

State of New York

Chenango County SS.

On this thirteenth day of August in the year of our Lord, one thousand, eight hundred and thirty two, personally appeared in open court before the honorable Robert Monell, Vice Chancellor of the sixth circuit of the State of New York, at a Fort of Chancery, held at the residence of the Vice Chancellor in the Town of Greene, County of Chenango and State of New York, now sitting Stephen Palmer, aged 71 years, a resident of the Town of Greene, in the County of Chenango and State of New York, 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 7<sup>th</sup> 1832.

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

That at the breaking out of the Revolutionary War he lived in the Town of Nine Partners, In the County of Dutchess, and Sate of New York.

That the first of April 1776, he enlisted for one month in a company under Captain Childs, does not remember his given name, of Oblong as a minute man (so called) Lieut Boyd and ensign Andrew Shaw. They marched to New York, and from there to Long Island, and then built fort Minute. They remained on Long Island until the expiration of the month, and being dismissed he returned home.

The first of June 1776 he enlisted in the Company of Captain Marcellus of Albany as a Fifer for the term of six months to go to the north.

The regiment was commanded by Colonel VanSchaack [VanSchaick] of Schenectady and Lieutenant Colonel [Dennyck?] of Albany under Genl Schuyler. The company in which he enlisted was formed in Coxsackie on the North River and marched to Albany where they were formed into regiments. They marched from Albany to Lake George direct. After lying at Lake George untill after the Declaration of Independence, they were ordered to Fort Stanwix or Stanwick, but did not go any farther than Landing Ferry (so called at that time) and were stationed at Fort Edward, and remained there, with the expiration of a number of days in which they were employed in fixing the Road from the Fort to Skeensboro, until their time was out. They were dismissed and he returned home.

A part of the time of this service he acted in the capacity of a Seargeant [Sergeant] and during the whole time either as a musician or Seargeant. In the month of September (he believes) in the year 1777 the militia was called out, and stationed at Peekskill at which place he staid about three days, and was then selected as one of the Governors Guard of twelve men, and were stationed at Poughkeepsie. Their duty was to attend upon the Committee during the day and in the night time to Guard the Governor. He was out at this time about one month and was dismissed and he returned home.

In the Spring of 1778 he was called out as a militia man, and served in the Company of Captain Talmadge. They were out about one week disarming the Tories who were then living in Dutchess County, New York.

That he has never received a written discharge, and has no documentary proof whatever of any part of his services and knows of no person who could testify to any part of his services.

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 Palmer

Sworn & subscribed the day & year aforesaid. Robt. Monele Vice Chancellor