

Pension Application for Sela (Silas) Pardee

W.16367 (Widow: Abigail) Married December 1784. Silas died Mary 31, 1833.

State of New York

County of Ontario SS.

Personally appeared before me Samuel Rawson a Judge of the Court of Common Pleas in and for the county Ontario in the State of New York, Silas Pardee a resident of the town of Victor in the County of Ontario and State of New York aged seventy eight 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 7, 1832.

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

That about the middle of July seventeen hundred and seventy five he enlisted as a private soldier in company commanded by Captain Joel Pratt, Benjamin Chittenden first lieutenant and Israel Spencer second lieutenant the regiment commander Colonel VanSchaick, Peter Yates was lieutenant colonel.

The regiment belonged to the New York State troops. Immediately after his enlistment he was marched to Fort George at the South end of Lake George in the northern part of the State of New York that lieutenant Colonel Yates commanded at that place and that the company to which he belonged were employed In transporting military stores and provisions in boats from Fort George to Ticonderoga for the supply of the army of General Montgomery in Canada.

That after the taking of the fort of St. Johns in Canada the company wto which he belonged was ordered to that place that according to the best of his recollection Captain Marinus [blot] first battalion of New York State Troops had the command of the fort. It was as he thinks in the month of November that he arrived at St. Johns where he remained until his enlistment expired & that on the landing or day after he enlisted again under Captain Israel Spencer in a regiment commanded by Colonel David Worcester, Samuel Elmore was lieutenant colonel of the regiment.

Worcester and Elmore were from the State of Connecticut and he believed the regiment was [?] as the troops of that state soon [after his enlistment the company to which he belonged was marched to Montreal after remained there a short time they were ordered back to St. Johns. Captain Walker of Worcester's regiment had the command at St. Johns on their return the company remained there till the latter part of April that they were then ordered to Ticonderoga and from there to Fort George, General Philip Schuyler was at Ticonderoga at the time of their arrival at that place and came with the company to Fort George where they were discharged about the first of May in seventeen hundred and seventy six in that during the enlistment last mentioned he served as a private soldier.

That on or about the first of August seventeen hundred an seventy six he enlisted as a private soldier under Captain George Darrow in a regiment of New York state troops, commanded by Colonel VanDyke, TenEyck was lieutenant colonel of the same regiment the company to which he belonged was marched to Fort Miller near the

Hudson River and northward of Albany they were employed for some time at work on the road between fort Miller and fort Edward and after that was awhile engaged in boating for the army in wood and between fort Ann and Skenesborough at the head of Lake Champlain.

Late in the fall they were ordered to Fort Edward where they were discharged about the tenth of December. That he was out in the militia at the time of General Burgoyne in [?] into the state of New York in seventeen hundred and seventy seven he was called into the service on or about the first of July he then did the duty as a sergeant in a company commanded by Captain Benjamin in the regiment commanded by Colonel William B. Whiting, Asa Waterman lieutenant colonel Philip Frisbee Major.

We were marched to a place on Hudson's river then known by the name of Half Moon Point above Albany and which then received the news of the evacuation of Ticonderoga by a [?] St. Clair from Half Moon Point they marched to fort Edward from the latter place they were sent together with Col. Whiting's regiment of New York troops and some of the Massachusetts troops to fort George for the purpose of bringing away their military stores after having accomplished their object they returned to Fort Edward where General Schuyler then commanded from fort Edward where General Schuyler—then commanded from Fort Edward the army retreated to fort Miller five or six miles below fort Edward.

A detachment from several regiments was ordered out on a scout that the company to which he belonged was attached to the party Colonel Grandon of the New York militia commanded they were marched to Moses Creek between fort Miller and fort Edward we were then attacked by a party of British troops some of our men were killed and a number wounded we retreated to our own army which since our absence had moved down to Saratoga from that we relocated to Stillwater and from the latter place I was sent to assist in guarding the teams which conveyed the heavy artillery to the Junction of the Mohawk and Hudson Rivers from thence I was allowed to go home for a short time I cannot state with precision the time I went home or that I remained there but it was but a short time before I was called out under the same officers and in the same capacity as before our regiment joined army under general Gates and continued under his command until after the surrender of General Burgoyne and were discharged about the twentieth of October.

In the month of November of the same year the regiment of militia to which I belonged was again called into service. It was then commanded by lieutenant Colonel Waterman and I then did the duty of quarter master for the regiment we were marched to Saratoga and remained a short time and were discharged in something less than a month from the time of our being ordered out.

He further declares that he was drafted to go into service in the militia early in September in the year seventeen hundred and seventy nine he did the duty of a Sergeant in a company commanded by Captain Elmore [?] Lieutenant Colonel Waterman commanded the regiment to which he belonged they were marched to Fishkill near Hudson's river the regiment he believes remained at that place the [?]time he was detached to a place called Livingston manor while there he was under

the command of Captain VanWilson, Governor George Clinton was at Fishkill and the believes had the chief command Brigadier General Robert VanRensselaer had the command of the brigade to which he belonged he cannot state with precision the time he was discharged but it was about three months from the time he was first called out he would not be over positive that he had stated the precise year in which he served at Fishkill but he believes he is correct he farther states that in the autumn of seventeen hundred and eighty he was drafted to go to Cherry Valley about sixty miles west of Albany there was but a small party sent out the captain who was ordered out did not go and the party was commanded by lieutenant Nathaniel Rowley they were marched to Schenectady on the Mohawk river here he (the applicant) was taken sick and left behind the rest of the company proceeded to Cherry Valley he did the duty of Sergeant while with the company he [?] recovered as to be able to get home in about a month from the time he was first called out but did not regain his health so as to be able to labor any until the succeeding April and he further declares that during the several periods of service mentioned that he resided in the town of Canaan in the county of Columbia and state of New York.

That he has no documentary evidence of his services and knows of no person whose testimony he can procure who can testify to his service.

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) Silas Pardee

Sworn and subscribed this 29th day of September A.D. 1832 before me, Samuel Rawson, a Judge of County Courts in the County of Ontario.