

Pension Application for Robert Pennell

S.14148

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

State of New York

Washington County SS.

Be it remembered that on this 28 day of August 1832 personally appeared in open Court before John Willard Esqr first Judge of the Court of Common Pleas of Washington County and State of New York and Benjamin A. Skinner & Charles F. Ingalls. Judges of said Court, Robert Pennell a resident of the Town of Salem in said County of Washington & State of New York aged 71 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 7th June 1832.

That he was born in Colrain in the State of Massachusetts in the year 1761. That he believes his age is recorded in the Town Clks office of said Town; that he has no record of the same.

That he moved into said Town of Salem, in the year 1778 where he now resides. That at that time and during the war, said County of Washington was on the frontier, and forts Edward, Miller, Fort Ann and Skensboro, in said County were garrisoned principally by the militia of said County who served in such Forts as Volunteers, as drafts or substitutes.

That the militia were generally classed, and each class served the United States in their turn. That from age and bodily infirmity he cannot give a detailed statement of his services in the militia of said County, during the war of the Revolution, in behalf [of] the United States, more particular, than is hereafter set forth.

Nor has he any discharge or documentary evidence to prove his services, nor can he prove them by any living witnesses. That he knows of other than Abner Carrinill & John gray; that he is known in his neighbourhood by Evan Martic, Ira Fitch, William Fitch, and others.

That in the year 1778, he was enrolled in Capt. Edward Longs Company of Militia in said Town of Salina. Thomas Armstrong was he Major and Alexander Webster the Colonel. That some time in the spring of 1779 he was ordered out by said Capt. Long upon a scouting party and went; that he was marched towards the Hudson River and that in the Town of Argyle in said County the company approached two deserters. That he cannot state how long he was in service at that time.

That during the year 1779, 1780, 1781 & 1782, he was repeatedly ordered out from said Town of Salem by said Capt. Long upon military duty as a Militia man of the State of New York and in the service of the United States in the war of the Revolution and that he was marched from said town of Salem, sometimes to Fort Edward, sometimes to Fort George, sometimes to Fort Miller to Fort Ann and to Skenesboro.

That he does recollect and so states, that he frequently served in the Forts aforesaid and at Skeensboro one month at a time.

That his services consisted in doing garrison duty and in protecting the frontier inhabitants and their property from the enemy. That repeatedly during said year she

was ordered out and actually sent upon alarms. That he recollects of serving at Skeensboro now Whitehall, under A Capt. Stockwell, but has no remembrance of serving under any Continental officers, that said Stockwell was on. That he cannot remember the particular time or times he was ordered out into services, nor how long staid at said times.

That he did actually perform military service for the United States in the war of the Revolution, as one of the Militia of the State of New York in the years aforesaid eight months and more.

He hereby relinquishes very 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) Robert Pennell

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid. J. S. Leigh Clk

Letter in folder dated January 23, 1939, written in response to an inquiry.

Reference is made to your letter in which your request the Revolutionary War record of Robert, Moses and Isaac Pennell of Salem, Washington County, New York, land of John Pennell of Halifax, Cumberland County, New York.

No claim for pension of bounty land has been found based upon service in the Revolutionary War of ;Moses, Isaac, nor John Pennell. The record of Robert Pennell follows as found in pension claim S.1418, based upon his service in the Revolutionary War.

Robert Pennell was born in 1761, in Colrain, Massachusetts. Names of parents are not stated. In the year 1778, he moved to Salem, Washington County, New York.

While a resident of Salem, Washington County, New York, Robert Pennell enlisted in 1778 served one week in that year, two months in 1779, two and one half months in 1780, three months in 1781, and two months in 1782, as private in captains Edward long's and Stockwell's companies, Colonel Alexander Webster's New York regiment.

The soldier was allowed a pension on his application executed August 28, 1832, at which time he was a resident of Salem, Washington County, New York.

In 1833, Robert Pennell moved from Salem, Washington County, New York to Burlington, Vermont to live with a son, John P. Pennell, and in 1838, he moved back to New York State, giving as his reason he had no family and his sons and other relatives were then residing in New York.

Date and place of death of Robert Pennell are not shown.

There are no other family data on record.