

Pension Application for Leonard Reed

S.14269

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

State of New York

Genesee County SS.

On this sixteenth day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty two, personally appeared in open court before the Judges the Court of Common Pleas in Batavia in and for said county, now sitting being a court of Record, Leonard Reed, a resident of the town of Batavia in the said County of Genesee and state of New York, aged seventy years on the 22d January 1832, 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, 1839.

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

That he went out as a volunteer under Captain Joseph Wood that the Major under whom he served was Major Satterly, whose Christian name he can not recollect, that he resided at the time of going out as a volunteer, in the town of Rockingham in what was then called the State of New York and is now called the State of Vermont, that he was at the taking of Burgoyne and went out about six weeks preceding to the taking of Burgoyne which was in October 1777 that he enlisted and served as a volunteer for three months at this time, that after the surrender of Burgoyne he went down the River about eight or ten miles and then crossed over to the opposite side of the river and that he stayed at the station and this side of the river three or four weeks and now then [moved?] to Bennington to which place he went and was there dismissed after having served three months for which he enlisted.

That in the year 1780 in July as he thinks he went as a volunteer at the call of Governor Clinton of the State of New York who had called for one hundred volunteers as he thinks and that about eighty went out, that at this time he resided in Rockingham aforesaid that the company now commanded by Capt. Blakeslee whose Christian name he cannot now recollect that he with the other volunteers joined Col. Malcolm's Regiment—that Benschoten was Major of the Regiment whose Christian name he cannot recollect.

That he marched directly to West Point and remained there but a few days and then went to Haverstraw Landing and remained there two or three weeks.

That at this time he was ordered back to West Point, thence to Albany and was then ordered to Fort Herkimer and that at the time the Indians were at Cherry Valley, he was placed there as one of the guard, that after he was relieved as guard at Cherry Valley he was ordered back to his Regiment at Fort Herkimer and remained there until a few days before his time expired for which he volunteered which was three months and that he was ordered to Fort Plains and remained there one or two weeks and that the captain then marched his company in a body to Bennington where he was dismissed after having served three Months and about three weeks.

That in the year 1779 and previous to the last service and time Col. Hazen's Regiment, called at at [sic] time a Congress Regiment, went to cut a road from [Pendham?] in Vermont to Lake at [Comphbrasagog?] he enlisted in Major Benjamin Whitcombs Regiment or Department of Rangers who were sent as scouts to protect the Regiment of Col. Hazen until cutting the road aforesaid that he enlisted for one year—that George Aldrich was the captain of the company in which he enlisted that the Lieutenants name was Darnford whose Christian name he cannot recollect—and that Lieutenant Lyford was Lieutenant during a part of the time.

That he joined the Company at the town of [Huronhill?] in New Hampshire that the company then marched to Pendham in the State of Vermont and that they were stationed at Pendham and were engaged in the scouting parties and protecting Col. Hazen's Regiment as they continued in cutting the road, that while he was with the company and during the latter part of the time for which he enlisted he was taken sick and remained in private quarters until after the time for which he had enlisted had expired and that he did not join the company again after he was taken sick; that he cannot tell how long it was after he was taken sick before his time expired but should think it was not more than a month before he went into winter quarters that he served the whole of one year under his enlistment including the period that he was sick and while by the orders of his Captain he was obliged to be by in order to recruit and that he did not receive any regular discharge except by the verbal orders of the captain.

That in the month of November as near as he can recollect, he enlisted in the year 1782 he enlisted in Col. Farewell's Regiment under Capt Simon [Shortwell?] and that at this time he resided in the town of Chestertown in the State of New Hampshire, and that he was ordered to remain at Charlestown as guard of the public stores under the command of Col. Hunt, a Militia Colonel and that he enlisted and served as one of the state troops and did not serve again of the militia of New Hampshire although he was put under the orders of a Militia Colonel.

That enlisted for three years and continued in the service and was stationed at Charlestown until the close of the war and that he remained for some time as one of the guard on the public stores.

At Charleston after the expiration of the year but how long he cannot recollect but thinks that he continued in the service for fifteen or sixteen months under this enlistment.

That he has no record of his age but believes that he was 70 years old on the 22d January 1832, as he was informed by his parents. That he lived in Rockingham in the State of Vermont for three or four years after he left the service at Charlestown that he then removed to Clavendorn in Rutland County in the State of Vermont and resided there 8 or 9 years.

That he then removed to Salesbury in Addison County and lived there about seven years and that he resided in Sheedon, Tranton and Enesburgh in the County of Franklin in the state of Vermont about sixteen years and that he then removed to [?] in the county of Genesee and State of New York and resided there about one year and

that he then removed to Batavia in the same county and has resided there until the present being about fifteen years.

That he has never received a discharge from the service.

That the Rev. Ellis Foster & Joshua Sutherland are well acquainted with him and reside in his neighborhood and can testify as to his character for veracity and their belief in his services as a soldier of the Revolution.

That he was born in Suffield Ct, Hartford Co on 1st Jan 1762—that he has no record of his age, but believes there is a record on the town records in Suffield aforesaid.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension nor annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the Pension Roll of the agency of any state. (Signed) Leonard Reed.

Sworn and subscribed the day and year aforesaid in open court. Timothy Fitch, Clerk.