

Pension Application for Simeon Reed

S.22456

State of Vermont

Rutland County SS.

On this 28th day of August in the year one thousand eight hundred and thirty tow, personally appeared in open court before the Judges of the Court of Probate for the District of Rutland now sitting, Simeon Reed a resident of Pawlet in said County of Rutland and State of Vermont, 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, and served as hereinafter stated.

He was born at Norwalk in the County of Fairfield and State of Connecticut on the 15 day of March in the year 1754; and has a record of his age in a family Bible at home. He removed to Amenia, Duches County new York, when about 19 years old.

In September (he cannot recollect the day) in the year 1776, he enlisted in the New York State Troops (as he supposes) for 4 months, at Amenia aforesaid where he then resided and served in Capt. Child's Company in which the only other officer whom he recollects was Lieut. Lewis De La Verge a Frenchman.

In October as he thinks, he was selected with about 30 from Capt Child's Company and marched in a detachment under a Lieutenant in the Continental Service, whose name he cannot recollect, for the purpose of conducting and guarding a band for the purpose of conducting and guarding a bank of Tories above 120 in number to Exeter near Boston. They proceeded as far as Hartford, Connecticut when those of his company were ordered back—during the remained of this period of Enlistment he staid at Amenia aforesaid. He does not recollect of ever being connected with a Regiment and obtained no Discharge. He knows of no surviving witness whom he can procure to testify as to this service.

In February 1777, he removed to Pawlison in the State of Vermont, when about the middle of June 1777, he volunteered at Pawlet aforesaid in the Vermont Troops on Green Mountain Boys to serve for 4 months, and went under Caps John Starke of said Pawlet through Rutland and Castleton to Ticonderoga New York, then commanded by St. Clair, land joined to the best of his recollection.

Col. Seth Warner's Regiment, he remained there till the Fort was evacuated about 3 weeks after. On Saturday Evening previous to the evacuation, he with others was ordered to remove the [?] stores across the State, and on proceeding upon this duty when they were ordered to retreat—across the lake which they did, and were then sent – to roll down the military stores from Mt Independence to the shores of the lake in which they were engaged, when they were again ordered to retreat, and accordingly set out in advance of the main army on Sunday the 6th July according to his neighbors. He passed through Hubbardton, Castleton, Poultney and Wells [?] to Pawlet. He immediately retired with his family, together with all the inhabitants except Tories. He went again to Amenia in the State of New York where he remained

more than two years, and during the time he went over to Sharon Connecticut to assist in the transporting of prisoners, who were taken as the surrender of Burgoyne, and carried a load of Baggage to Fishkill New York. He understood the prisoners were to be removed from New Boston to the Southward. He was engaged in this business a week or 10 days.

He was also engaged about 2 months in carrying flour for the Army from Nine Partners to Amenia. His Uncle James Reed was the Commissary in the Continental Service under whom he served.

He knows of no surviving witness whose testimony he can procure as to this service and never obtained a discharge.

In February 1780 he removed to Spencertown in the County of Columbia, and in November of same year he was called out in the militia under Caps Barrett and Lieut Reynolds (he thinks Reynolds went at this time) went to Albany and was quartered at Col. Quackenbush's and was on guard every night near the Patroon's house—he remained at Albany about a fortnight and was dismissed. He understood the Albany Militia were absent on other service.

In the fall of the last year 1781 (he thinks in October) he was again called out in the militia at Spencertown aforesaid, and went with Lieut Reynolds (he thinks Capt. Barret did not go) to Stillwater for the purpose of preventing the incursions of the Indians he remained about a fortnight, during which time he went to Saratoga, and was dismissed.

He knows of no surviving witness whose testimony he can procure as to his service at Albany or Stillwater, unless it be Lieut Reynolds, who is living at Rutland, as he understands but he does not know whether said Reynolds will recognize or recollect the Service.

In 1782, he returned to Pawlet, Vermont where he has since resided; and found that all his property had in his absence been plundered and destroyed by Tories, as he supposes.

H has no documentary evidence of his service. He is known to Nathaniel Hannon, Phineas Strong and John Griswold, persons in his vicinity who can testify to his character for veracity, and their belief of his services as a soldier of the Revolution.

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) Simon Reed

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid. R.L. Roger Regs